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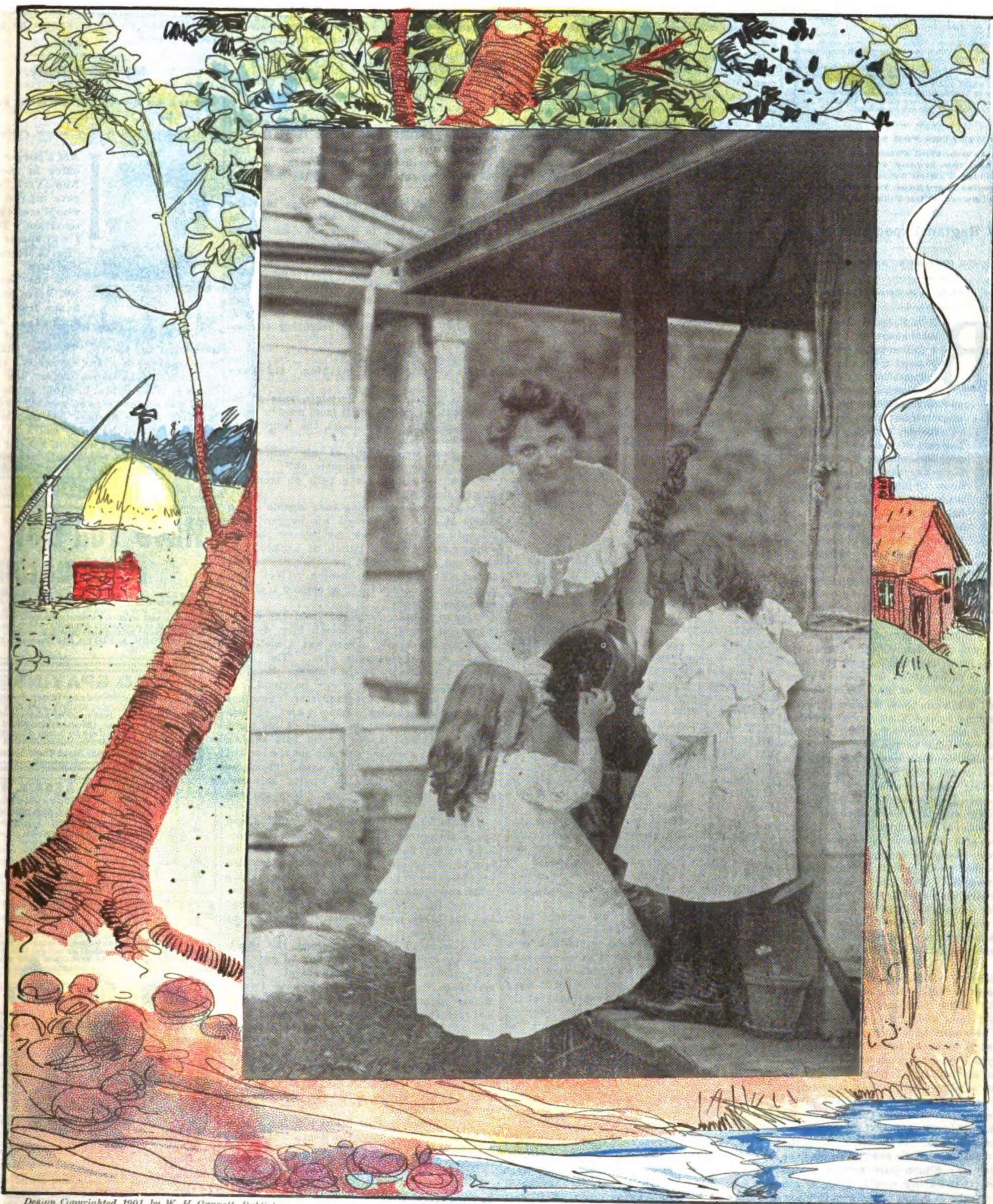
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## A Raglan Expedient.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY RODNEY JAMES.

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"BROKE, by Jupiter! Clean, dead ausgespeilt, and three hundred miles from home! Whew! what a lark!"

Tumbling from the Southern express upon the pavements of Washington, Jarleigh stood blear-eyed and wondering, drawing out the bottoms of his empty trouser pockets and staring at the newborn day that tipped the far dome of the national capitol with enchanted glow. But the beauties of the executive city had few charms for Jarleigh. He was desperately retrospective. Let me see; what happened? Oh, yes; he had been commissioned by the managing editor of the "Park Row Buzzard" to hustle down to old Virginia and land a great "story" about the new discoveries that threw light upon obscure points in the diplomatic affairs of the late Rebellion. And he had landed too, with all the feet of a centipede, and telegraphed the facts on ahead while he remained to become a guest of the Kawn-poke Club of Richmond for dinner. Caesar! but when those Southern Mujahs and Kunnels get a New York newspaper man in their clutches, what with their luscious mint juleps—innocent to the taste yet dynamite in cumulative deadliness—their oysters a la Virginia, and the gods wot not else, escape alive is nothing short of a miracle. Yet Jarleigh had escaped, albeit with little else besides skin and bones, and had managed to get as far on toward home as Washington, with throbbing temples and a growing goneness underneath his long sweeping Raglan which reached quite to his ankles and gave him a false, if impressive rotundity. Well, there was no use standing there and staring into space until mistaken for a lunatic with the heaven-sent mission of "removing" the chief executive and so landed behind bars, so Jarleigh started out for a season of cogitation up Pennsylvania Avenue.

But the longer Jarleigh walked the more desperate loomed up the predicament before him. Hunger and thirst increased his illusion of calamity and took away his courage, else on sheer bluff he would have beard a telegraph office and wired on ahead for funds with which to reach home. And yet, what would the managing editor say to that? Jarleigh would never hear the last of it, for had he not been amply supplied at the head office before the start? Again, he might saunter into the Washington branch office of the "Buzzard," introduce himself and get relief, and yet by the morrow the facts would get back to the head office, and the laugh, which the Simon-pure newspaperman dreads worse than flaying, would be his certain due. At any rate, it might cheer him to know that his "beat" was in the morning "Buzzard" which had arrived in Washington at daybreak, and walking boldly into a hotel, he asked the loan of a damp copy to search it. Yes, there it was—hurrah! right on the first page—leader of the day's revelations. Jarleigh felt himself

growing taller and the sluggish blood quickened with a new intoxicant. He thanked the newsman, tipped his hat grandly and walked out with the air of a newly-arrived Congressman who had come to purge the national capital at one audacious onslaught. On the street corner he bought two mealy bananas with a postage stamp, the dago taking pity on him perforce, and after a cup of water at the nearby fountain, Jarleigh pursued his way.

The way was long and tedious, and it was almost nightfall of that fateful day ere Jarleigh realized that his problem was yet unsolved. Wandering broke in a strange city is hard enough by day, but with the coming of darkness terrors increase and miseries are intensified. Jarleigh was in the vicinity of the Treasury Building when faintness from hunger and weariness came over him, driving him to desperate expedients. He crossed the wide avenue and plunged into a narrower street, passing a great plate glass window which reflected his full figure. Like most men in whom a tinge of vanity remains through every vicissitude, Jarleigh slowed his pace and contemplated himself critically in the reflection; then an inspiration struck him. There were just three things visible to Jarleigh, besides face and hands, and these were top hat, a little battered and dusty, the long Raglan and his shoes. Victory! He would act at once.

How he did it or where, let no man question. There are dark hallways and obscure nooks in many Washington alleys, and with semi-darkness as a shield, it is possible to divest one's self of one's pantaloons, button up the Raglan, and with the trousers hung gaily over the left arm, saunter out in search of a fond relation euphonesically known as your father's brother. The particular Uncle that Jarleigh found hesitated about taking the risk at all, but finally allowed two dollars, which was a mountain of money to the pawnee at that frightful pass. Jarleigh took oysters and toast standing up at a nearby counter, perforce, and then returned to the swaggar hotel where he had read his article in the "Buzzard" that morning, calling for a room and paying for it on the spot with his last cent. Retiring early, the weary stranger was soon in soundest slumber.

It was about six o'clock when a violent ring of the bell called a servant to Jarleigh's room. The door was unlocked and beyond, the window leading to the fire-escape was seen to be half raised and a shred of suspender hung over the sill.

"Where is the proprietor? Call the proprietor!" roared Jarleigh. "Quick, quick!"

"Dat's a lunatic foh suah!" gasped the darkey, standing for a moment in staring amazement at the man seated in bed, gesticulating wildly, hair on end and eyes blazing, and off the menial started in search of the proprietor.

A portly gentleman soon appeared in the doorway. He found his guest mumbling distractedly.

"Are you the proprietor?"

"I am, sir."

"Well, for heaven's sake what sort of a hotel do you keep here anyhow? Am I in a hostelry for gentlemen or is this a den of thieves? Tell me that, sir! I demand to know—I demand it, sir!"

The proprietor closed the door behind him. "Not so loud, I beg of you," he pleaded paling.

"What is the matter, sir? I sincerely hope nothing has happened—"

"Nothing happened? Do you mean to say that it is nothing to go to bed like a peaceful God-fearing citizen after having paid for your room in advance, and to wake up in the morning to find yourself trouserless, sir—pantaloons and all your money, including watch and chain, keys and valuable memoranda gone, sir—vanished, flickered, 'lifted' in the silent hours of the night? Again I say, sir, what sort of a hotel is this you keep anyway?"

"Sh-h-h! I entreat you," interposed the gasping proprietor, his eyes bulging, his rotund torso waddling over toward the window and picking up the telltale shred of suspender. "I declare, sir, such a thing as this has never happened in my house before. I am desperately sorry—"

"Sorry be confounded! My name is Jarleigh, of the 'New York Buzzard,' sir, as you can discover by telegraphing on to Park Row and asking for information. I have seven congressmen and four senators to interview before four o'clock this afternoon, and I will cut a pretty figure skiting through the lobby of the capitol with my shins clothed in your 'desperate sorrow.' Drat your sorrow, sir; think of mine!"

"Not so loud, I beg of you," pleaded the proprietor. "People all about you are still asleep—"

"What do I care? All they will have to do is to read the 'New York Buzzard' tomorrow morning and they will know all about it—"

"Oh, I sincerely trust that you will not feel called upon to go to any such extremes, for really, my dear sir, this would ruin me, ruin me. Don't think of such a thing. This can all be arranged amicably, I assure you. It is most unfortunate, but I assure you that you shall not be the loser. Come down to breakfast with me—"

"What! Without my—"

"Oh, I shall send instantly to the tailor's and have a ten-dollar pair sent to you, but I beg in the

meantime, make no more fuss, for the reputation of my house is second to none in all Washington, sir, and the very mention of thieves—bless me sir! it is positively unspeakable." He approached the bedside, his eyes appealing. "You will be reasonable, will you not?" He extended his hand, which Jarleigh took reluctantly, still grinding his teeth and snorting in his effort to calm down.

"I'll try," he murmured at last. "Hurry up with that tailor though. This is my busy day."

The proprietor bowed obsequiously, then left to summon the man of the goose and yardstick. Twenty minutes later Jarleigh was seated at the proprietor's table in the big dining-room below, a big bouquet of rare flowers between him and that functionary, strawberries and cream and hothouse grapes on either hand, with fragrant Mocha borne in on silver. The proprietor was still conciliatory, in deadly terror of that article in the "New York Buzzard."

"Suppose we call it a round hundred dollars, Mr. Jarleigh, and never mind the trousers. Really the episode was most unfortunate, but you certainly do not wish me to lose too heavily." The guest elevated his chin like majesty granting a culprit temporary reprieve. He appeared to be almost appeased. "Is it agreed then? I will bring you the cash immediately sir, but I must exact of you a written pledge that you will not allow a word of this to appear in print. Certainly you will grant me this courtesy."

"Um—well, I suppose under the circumstances, seeing that you are desirous of settling matters so amicably—"

"Certainly, sir. William, bring Mr. Jarleigh a better cigar than that—one of those Habana Perfectos that Senator Billyuns swears by. Excuse me, I will bring you the cash and the document for you to sign." And the proprietor sped away.

Jarleigh was blowing smoke rings into the air and contemplating his audacious shape in the far mirror when in came the darkey who first encountered him in bed that morning. He glanced furtively about for an instant, then sidled up toward the table. "Excuse me Mistah Jarleigh," he said with a hideous smile, rubbing his hands together and rolling his ivory eyes set in ebony, "I have somethin' to ax y'."

"Well?" grunted Jarleigh, resenting the intrusion.

"Ah've somethin' to sell y'."

"Don't want to buy anything. Go away please."

"Yaas y' do, Mistah Jarleigh, yaas y' do. It's bettah for you to buy it from me den dat I should gib it to Mistah Jones, the proprietah, Ah's suah of dat."

The guest scowled up at his tormentor. "What have you got so valuable, eh?"

"It's a pawn-ticket for a pair ob trouses, Mistah Jarleigh."

The guest felt something turn upside down inside of him. He turned his haggard eyes toward the door and saw far beyond the advancing figure with a bunch of bankbills in one hand, a document in the other, drying the latter with a sweeping motion. "Well how much do you want for it?" he choked trying to remain composed.

"Dunno, Mistah Jarleigh," said the other. "Guess it ought to be worth fifty dollahs, don't you think so?" There was a malicious gleam in his torturous eyes. The guest clenched his fists under the damask. He could have strangled the man where he stood, but alas, here came Jones, the proprietor. There was a moment's hesitancy during which hideous interval Jarleigh saw the vision of his game disclosed, himself landed behind bars and an article in the morning's papers not the least of the order which he had threatened. "Meet me outside the north door in twenty minutes, sharp," he cried out hoarsely. "Now get out o' here quick or I'll brain you!"

Negotiations were quickly consummated, and the parting came in the best of grace. As Jarleigh stepped from the north door, wondering how to manage the most difficult proposition yet presented to him, he ran headlong into a taller and broader man than himself and rebounded like a rubber manikin. Their eyes met and the other grabbed him. "Jarleigh, by Jove!" he said.

"Peters, as I live!" exclaimed the other. "Just the man of all men I want to see. No, don't move. I'm in a predicament. In the first place, Peters, old boy, let me have twenty dollars to take the next train back to New York." The money came forth without hesitation. "Now listen!" And he poured forth his miseries. In the midst of it the darkey was seen on the sidewalk scanning the street anxiously. "There he is now, Peters. Scare him with your fire-badge, blackmail and all that sort of thing. Hurry or you'll lose him and I'll lose the train."

The brother reporter sauntered forth from ambush and approached the negro. "Looking for Mr. Jarleigh, eh?"

"Dat I was, sah."

"Well, he is about to take the train for New York. I want to see you at the station house. I believe the specific charge is blackmail, and the penalty is three years in the penitentiary."

The porter turned a leaden hue and his chin dropped as he caught the flash of the fire-badge.

"Fore de Lawd, sir—"

"Never mind. Where is that pawn-ticket—quick!" A trembling hand produced it. Peters seized it and grew thoughtful. "Look here," he said. "I don't think you mean to turn criminal. Suppose I let this thing drop. Will you keep your mouth shut about it?"

"Fore de Lawd, dat I will, make no mistake!"

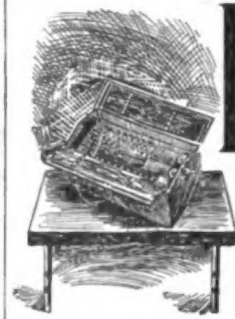
"See that you do or there'll be trouble."

Peters turned and caught a glimpse of his comrade's Raglan flying across the square in the direction of the station where the train was already starting. He waved toward him the yellow slip with an assuring sign, then gave the darkey a cigar and allayed his terrors. "Remember, not a word!" he admonished and sauntered away. Later in the day he framed that pawn-ticket and hung it on the walls of the branch office of the "New York Buzzard," where it hangs to this day to tempt Peters, now manager of the branch, to retail again and again the story of Jarleigh's predicament. It is only fair to the latter gentleman to state that on the following day the proprietor of the Washington hotel received a letter containing a hundred dollar bill and the price of a pair of trousers, together with a curt note shrouded in anonymity, which read, "This is conscience money. Take it, be grateful and ask no questions." And so far as known no questions were ever asked.

## My Astral Body.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ERSKINE M. HAMILTON.

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I AM a lawyer with an office in the city of New York, and if I gave my real name it would create a decided sensation. Therefore, I will appear as plain "David Morris" in this narrative.

In the summer of 1897 I was on my way home from the Hot Springs of Arkansas, where I had gone to secure rest and health. The wear and tear of a large legal practice, and especially a case of international importance before the Supreme Court at Washington, had told on me fearfully and I was on the verge of nervous prostration. My trip to the Springs had not helped me much and I was far from well. In the car in which I was riding I noticed, not far from me, a tall, keen-eyed gentleman of about sixty years, who seemed to be scrutinizing me very

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closely. I remember he came on at Philadelphia, but why he took such interest in me I knew not. Presently he came over and stood before me. His brilliant black eyes gave me a weird feeling as he looked at me for a moment. Then he said:

"You are ill, and your visit to the Springs has only benefited you temporarily. If you wish health—aye, if you wish to retain life—call and see me when you get back to New York."

He gave me a card and returned to his seat, and from that time on paid no further attention to me. I looked at the card—"John Jarvis, M. D. 37 — Street, New York."

"Probably some quack who has noticed my illness, and is in search of business," I murmured. "But how did he know of my visit to the Hot Springs?"

I wondered at this as I placed the card in my pocket, but forgot the matter presently. After I reached New York I vibrated between home and office for several weeks as my health would permit, but my condition did not improve, and I was gradually losing strength. Medical skill did not seem to reach my case, and I grew gloomy and despondent. One morning I came across the card of Dr. Jarvis.

"Well," I remarked to my wife, somewhat bitterly, "as I have tried the best physicians in the city without benefit, it will do no harm to try him. He can but kill me."

That afternoon I called at No. 37 — Street. It was a retired place, and the office was in the second-story front of a tall, brick building. Dr. Jarvis was alone as I entered, and greeted me with that strange penetrating gaze I had noticed on the train.

"I knew you would come," he said quietly. "In my judgment you would not have lived had you not. If you will place yourself under my treatment you will surely recover and be in better physical condition than you have been for years."

"That is certainly a flattering prospect," I remarked, with a tinge of incredulity.

"But," continued the doctor, apparently not noticing my lack of faith, "I will treat you on one condition. You must obey my instructions implicitly and without question. I will be candid with you, Mr. Morris. My treatment is out of the ordinary. I am a native of India. My mother was a descendant of an ancient priestly order, whose wondrous knowledge of the occult and the deep mysteries of the universe have been handed down from generation to generation, for thousands of years. Modern science, in the startling discoveries of the present day, think these things are new. But they are not. For centuries they have been known and used in secret by my ancestors, in the temples of India. Bah! Modern science knows nothing as yet! But it is on the eve of the miraculous. Miracles are but the combination of nature's forces in accordance with law, and back in those old temples of India miracles were surely performed. Yes, Mr. Morris, they were miracles, and would be so pronounced had they been done in public. That priestly order knew secrets of the material and spiritual world of which modern thought has no conception."

As he spoke Dr. Jarvis' eyes kindled with enthusiasm, and his tall frame trembled with a strange excitement. Indeed, although I am not inclined to be superstitious, I was somewhat afraid of him. He noticed it.

"You need have no fear, Mr. Morris. I shall not harm you. That strange knowledge of my ancestors I now possess, and when I saw you on the train I knew what your trouble was and where you had been to relieve it. And, allow me to say that under ordinary medical care you cannot recover. You will be a dead man within a year unless I help you. With this statement will you consent to my treatment?"

"I will," I answered promptly. In some way, I knew not how, I felt he was speaking the truth.

"Very well. Now, Mr. Morris, you have an intimate friend, one John Varney, a wealthy real estate dealer. Mr. Varney is not in good health, and is one of my patients. He has complied with my conditions, but it is necessary I should have your co-operation—that is, that I should treat you both at the same time. Step this way."

He moved to an inner room and I followed. It was an ordinary apartment, handsomely furnished, but contained no wonderful appliances such as I expected to find. I was surprised at this, as I supposed the room fitted up in oriental style, and amply supplied with mysterious apparatus. And then, too, where was my friend, Varney? We were to be treated together, I had been told and I looked to see him in the inner room.

"Why, where is Mr. Varney?" I enquired. "He has been here and the treatment he received will take effect at the same time with your own."

The doctor bade me be seated in a large reclining chair.

"It is due you, Mr. Morris, that I should explain one thing more," he continued. "A human being is made up of three existences. First is the natural body of flesh and blood, and inside of that is what we term an astral body—which is exactly like the material one in looks, only it is immaterial and indestructible. And within the astral body is the spirit or soul. Now by the knowledge I possess I shall trans-

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fer your astral body to the physical body of Mr. Varney, and his astral body will be transferred to you in the same way, and—"

"But," I interrupted, "what good will it do me to get into Jack Varney's body?"

"The result will be this: You are accustomed to your own physical body and its peculiar disease. It is the same with Mr. Varney. Now the change of bodies, for a time, will bring a new mind in control of each, and the psychological influence will be so entirely different that no disease can remain. Each physical body will yield to this new mind controlment, and health will be completely restored. This treatment I shall maintain for a week precisely, and at the end of that time you will each resume your former condition. And let me say once more, your life depends on the experiment. Do you still consent?"

"If Jack Varney can stand it, I can," I answered, desperately. "Go on with your astral-body treatment."

Without a word Dr. Jarvis unlocked a small safe which stood near, and from it produced a curious, triangular-shaped box. Opening this I saw it contained a number of minute vials. A strange, far-away expression came to the doctor's eyes as he looked at them, and for fully five minutes he stood silent, apparently oblivious of my presence. Then carefully selecting one of the vials, he allowed a drop to fall into a glass partially filled with water. This he bade me drink. I cannot describe the sensation it gave me. It seemed to me my whole being was torn asunder. I knew I was dying, but I could not speak. Then I floated out on the great sea of eternity and became unconscious.

It was with a confused feeling that I opened my eyes again. I was in a handsomely furnished office, seated at a table with a pen in my hand. What had happened and where was I? The place had a familiar look, and as my mind became clearer I recognized it. I was in the office of John Varney, and alone. I looked at the mirror over the mantel opposite, and the sight nearly paralyzed me. The reflection was not my own, but Varney's. I understood it all in an instant. The large, handsome figure in the office chair was that of my friend, but I inhabited it, and as for Varney—Well, if his portly astral body was squeezed into my small, spare form, he must be extremely uncomfortable. I laughed long and loud as I thought of it. I looked at the pen in my hand and at the half-written letter on the table. Jack must have been writing when overtaken by the change, and I began to read:

"MY DEAR MISS WOOD.

I received your note this morning, and I am glad you enjoy the flowers I sent you. I was sure their beauty and fragrance would please you. By the way, there is to be a charming little opera at one of the theaters tomorrow evening, and if you—"

That ended the letter. Jack Varney was gone and I was in his place. My friend was a bachelor, but I knew he was quite attentive to a certain aristocratic young lady—a Miss Elsie Wood—but how far the matter had progressed I knew not. What should I do about it? I was Jack Varney to all intents and purposes for a week, and I must act out my part. A spirit of mischief seized me and I finished the letter, and to my surprise the handwriting was Jack's.

"—are willing, I will call for you. After the show we will indulge in the usual ice-cream and fervent osculation on the way home. With a thousand kisses, I am Your loving JACK.

I had just placed the missive in an envelope,

when the mail-carrier came and took it away. Then I started to get up from the chair.

"Great Scott, and Holy Moses!" I exclaimed, as a sharp twinge of pain seized me in the left leg, causing me to sit down again. "Why that's rheumatism, and I never had it before in my life."

I recollected then that rheumatism was Jack's particular "thorn in the flesh," and I wondered how he was getting along with my peculiar ailments. For nearly an hour I waited, when suddenly the door burst open, and Jack came tearing in—that is, my body with Jack in it. He was evidently irritated, and also excited.

"Hello, Morris, you are here? Well, if I haven't had a time. Your confounded carcass was so full of nervousness that I could hardly keep still after leaving the doctor's office. If I had known how bad off you were I wouldn't have traded—even for a week. By the way," glancing at the table, "where is that letter?"

"I finished it for you, and sent it to Miss Wood."

"The thunder you did! What did you write?"

"I said I would call for her, and we would have a kissing-match on the way home, and I would treat her to ice-cream."

For a moment Jack was speechless.

"Great Heavens!" he groaned. "Look here, Morris, if I had my body for two minutes I'd break every bone you've got. Why, Miss Wood is one of the most cultured, sensitive ladies in New York, and proud as Lucifer. Kissing and ice-cream, indeed! You couldn't touch her with a ten-foot pole. What will she think?"

"Oh, I will make it all right when I see her," I replied, soothingly. "I have had lots of experience."

"I am afraid your experience won't amount to much in this case," said Jack, somewhat mollified, and beginning to laugh. "However, you will have to get me out of the scrape. And, come to think, I may have got you into one on my way here."

"In what way?"

"In this: Your body, in its present condition, is so nervous and fidgety that it made me cross the moment I got into it. I came here on the street-car, and all the way I was almost irresponsible. An old gentleman came on, presently, and sat down in front of me. When he saw me he enquired how his foreclosure case was progressing in court. In my ill-humor I forgot myself, and told him I had no recollection of him, and never heard he had a case in court. This seemed to nettle him, and he remarked, sarcastically, that he had paid me a retainer of five hundred dollars, and perhaps I could not remember that? By this time I was wild with pain, and I told him to go to Hades; that I never saw him before, and he never paid me a cent in his life. He said no more after that, but got off the car in high dudgeon."

"You certainly have made mischief," I answered, shocked at the statement. "Why, that man is the millionaire, General Van Dyke, and his practice, alone, is worth three thousand dollars a year to me. I suppose, now, he will employ another lawyer."

"Well," pursued Jack, sinking back in a chair with a regretful sigh, "I am sorry for what has happened. We are both in for trouble for a week, that's sure. We may, or may not, recover our health, but I am afraid we will lose reputation and fortune in the meanwhile. I wish we hadn't made the exchange, but we can't help it now."

"No; but we must arrange to avoid trouble and misunderstanding in the future," I said.

"I will take charge of your office, and you of mine, and we will confer often, and whenever it is necessary. Of course there will be awkward situations for each of us, but that cannot be prevented."

Jack agreed to this, and for nearly an hour we discussed plans of procedure. I had him write a letter to my wife, saying important business had called me out of town for a week, and also insisted he should keep out of her sight during that period. Then we separated.

I managed the real-estate business the following day without any serious mishap, while Jack informed me by telephone that he was doing splendidly as a lawyer. He said he had given my clients common-sense advice—something they were not used to—and had taken in a goodly amount of fees. In the evening, arrayed in Jack's best clothes, I called for Miss Wood. I was not acquainted with her, but had learned where she lived. In response to my ring a servant ushered me into a parlor, and presently a tall, dignified, young lady came in.

"I received your note, Mr. Varney," she said haughtily, "and, to say the least, I was surprised at its contents. At what time, sir, have I given encouragement for such familiarity?"

"Why—I beg pardon, Miss Wood," I stammered, "but I never saw you before—that is—"

"Never saw me before?"

"No—I don't mean that. That is—please hear me, Miss Wood. I mean—"

"You need not explain, Mr. Varney. You are not in a condition to know what you mean. I can enlighten you, however. You were intoxicated when you wrote that note, and you are intoxicated now. Oblige me by leaving the house, sir."

There was nothing to do but to obey, and this I did immediately. But before the door closed I saw the proud head buried in a handkerchief, and knew she was sobbing violently. Greatly disturbed, I at once hunted up Jack, and told him the whole story. Naturally he took it to heart, and blamed me somewhat, but after we had spent the evening at the club he felt better, and forgave me.

I had an experience the next day that, I must say, afforded me unalloyed pleasure. I had gone to a lonely part of the city to look at some property Jack had for sale. While strolling about I saw a large man, not far from me, and the sight of him alarmed me, especially as no one was near. He was a rough brute of a fellow, for whom I had done some legal business, but he had refused to pay me, and had threatened me, also, with bodily injury. How should I escape him? I was in a tremor of fear, when a sudden thought came to me. I recollected it was Jack Varney's powerful body I was in, and I knew Jack was an expert boxer. My terror fled at once, and a savage joy seized me. I strode forward, laid my hand on the fellow's shoulder, and whirled him around.

"Your name is McGraw?" I asked.

"It is," he answered, sullenly.

"Well, then, Mr. McGraw, you refused to pay your lawyer, Mr. Morris, fifty dollars you honestly owed him, and also abused him shamefully, knowing he was a small, weak man. You are a cowardly cur, McGraw. Now I am a friend of Mr. Morris', and I want you to pay me that fifty dollars here and now, or take a whipping."

The man was evidently frightened, but he began to bluster, and made a motion to strike me. Instantly my right arm shot out from the shoulder, and Mr. McGraw stretched his length on the ground. As he arose I knocked him down



again. This time I stood over him, and threatened him with dire vengeance if he did not yield. Thoroughly cowed he began to whimper.

"I've got the money, an' I'll pay ye, if ye'll let me up. But if I ever come across that Morris!"

"Now listen, McGraw," I interrupted, as I placed the money in my pocket, "if you ever speak to, or meddle with Mr. Morris again, I will hunt you up and pound you to a jelly. Will you promise?"

"That I will. I'll keep clear of ye both after this," answered the subdued McGraw, as he hastened away.

Fortunately no one saw us, so I avoided unpleasant explanation. This adventure gave me a new idea, and, I regret to say, made me very pugnacious. A little power is a bad thing with women, and it was with me. During the week I looked up several of my enemies, and left them with blackened eyes and other marks of my disapproval. I was fined once for assault, but paid it cheerfully. Indeed, I was almost willing to keep my astral body where it was, but Jack would not consent, even if it could be done; he also expressed a fear that I was bringing his character into disrepute. One thing we noticed, however, as the days passed. We both were rapidly recovering our health. The rheumatism had left me, and Jack said he was entirely free from the nervous trouble.

One morning, as I was seated in Jack's office, the door suddenly opened, and my wife came in. I was so delighted to see her that I sprang forward, and kissed her before I thought.

"Why Mr. Varney," she exclaimed indignantly. "Such conduct is outrageous."

"It is, indeed, Mrs. Morris," I answered, recovering myself, "but in the dim light I thought you were my sister. I earnestly beg your pardon for the mistake."

"Oh, that was it. Well, mistakes will happen. I have called, Mr. Varney, to ask whether you have seen my husband lately?"

"I see him almost every day," I replied, but instantly regretted the remark.

My wife seemed very much disturbed.

"That confirms my suspicions," she said sorrowfully. "I received a note from him a few days ago, saying he would be out of the city for a week, and since then I have been told by several of his friends that they had met him, and he had acted strangely, and did not seem to know them. I went to his office, and was informed by his clerks he had been there every day, but his conduct was unusual, and he was not himself. And yesterday I saw him, as he was getting on a street-car. I spoke to him, but he answered gruffly that he was in a hurry, and if I wanted to see him to call at his office. It worries me, Mr. Varney. I am afraid his nervous trouble has made him insane."

"Oh, I guess not," I answered, as reassuringly as I could. "As I think of it, he told me he had written you as you state, but had changed his mind about leaving the city."

"But why did he not come home? and why should he forget his former friends and clients?"

I could not explain this, and after a few remarks my wife went sadly away, leaving me in a gloomy frame of mind. The affair was becoming too serious. Jack and I might have restored health but lose character and friends as a result. Where would it end? The question was answered two days later by an unexpected climax. A boy came in hurriedly with a note.

"Dear Morris: Come over to Judge Graff's rooms. Thunder is to pay. Your wife has me up for being insane. Don't stop for anything, but for heaven's sake come at once. Jack."

For a moment I was dumbfounded. I saw it all at a glance. Jack was not well acquainted with my wife, and probably had met her several times without knowing who she was. And then, too, being ignorant of my business, and not knowing many of my clients and friends, he had, apparently, acted strangely at times. No wonder they thought him insane. It might come my turn next, and both of us be placed in the insane asylum. I groaned as I thought of it.

I lost no time in going to Judge Graff's court. My wife was there, and also a number of my clients, as witnesses. Dr. Sprague, my family physician, had been called in as an expert. In the midst of the group was Jack, very angry and excited, who was telling his incredulous listeners a wonderful story about astral bodies, and claiming that he was Jack Varney. Of course no one believed him. He saw me as I came in.

"Come here, Morris," he shouted, "and tell these confounded idiots the straight of this business. I just told them we traded astral bodies, and that's all there is to it. But this learned donkey, Dr. Sprague, doesn't know an astral-body from a side of sole-leather. He says he never saw one."

"This is a very common delusion," said the doctor, addressing the court. "Many of the insane imagine themselves to be other persons. I have a patient, now, who believes herself to be the celebrated Queen Mary, of old English times."

"I'd like to be Queen Mary for about two hours," interrupted Jack, "I would supply all the martyrs out of this crowd, and pay for the kindling-wood of the auto da fe, beside."

I did my utmost to convince the judge of the real facts of the case, and requested the matter be postponed until the following day, when the week would be out. But the judge only smiled indulgently. He evidently thought I was talking for my friend's benefit, and did not believe my own statements. And so, in spite of my protestation, my body with poor Jack in it, was pronounced insane, and hurried off to the asylum.

I at once sought my wife and Dr. Sprague, and in a private interview related my wonderful experience. My wife was convinced, but the doctor would not believe a word of it. Finally, I invited him to go with me to Dr. Jarvis the next day, which he did, and the two medical gentlemen had a long discussion. Indeed, Dr. Sprague was so impressed that he declared he was going to try the astral-body treatment for his own ailments.

But why prolong this story? In due time Jack and I resumed our normal condition, and occupied our individual bodies again. The medical journals got hold of the matter in some way, and, without mentioning our names, gave Dr. Jarvis such a puff that he was the talk of the city. Thousands of the best people in New York visited him, and went about, afterward, with other people's astral bodies, and no end of confusion resulted. But one treatment was enough for us. We had splendid health, and soon regained our reputation. A few months later I received the following:

"Dear Morris: Miss Wood and I are to be married next Thursday morning at Grace Church. So get your astral body and material body together, and come. Bring your wife with you. Yours, as ever, Jack."

## The "Coomin' Back" of Kathleen McKeough.

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URING the closing months of the year of Grace 1900, Blankton had been treated to a genuine ghost seen by hundreds of her most reliable citizens,—Blankton the far famed Queen City—her crest surmounted by magnificent buildings, her feet laved in the broad lake, the bright water way between the busy city and the blue mountains beyond,—Blankton, a center of culture and enlightenment.

A few years ago some wealthy manufacturers in Massachusetts, attracted by Dr. Hale's tribute to Blankton as a model city, built an immense cotton mill a mile or two below the city on a broad plain having on every side fine views of city, lake and mountain. The good wages and pleasant surroundings have made its future in every way a success, attracting an abundance of help of the better class.

About three years ago a slip of a girl fresh from the Green Isle, with that marvelous complexion that seems the birthright of some of Erin's poorest daughters, intercepted the Superintendent one morning with "Ef ye plaze sur, axin yer parding, but its wurk I must be havin'; ye'll giv it to me shure?" and looking into the girl's liquid blue eyes, noting the tangled mass of blue-black hair half covered by a gray plaid shawl, the Superintendent, contrary to all precedents, yielded to the entreaties of the pleading voice and then and there hired Kathleen McKeough, whose aptness and industry made her progress so rapid that in a few weeks she was running a set of looms, and the Superintendent began to feel justified in following an impulse.

Then came an unasked-for vacation, and just as she was given up for lost Kathleen returned haggard and beautiful, and penitent for having gone off on a spree. "Och! wisha, wisha, that me mither's bairn should gang wi the evil spirits" was her lament, so the Superintendent sent a note to the overseer and Kathleen was given her looms again.

Her humble manner disarmed her fellow-workers' criticisms and her remarkable skill as a weaver inspired a species of awe. No loom ever ran at such a high rate of speed as hers. The shuttles flew like things bewitched, yet there was never a flaw in the web. Often and often during her three years' stay the overseer, attracted by the peculiar sibilant sound of Kathleen's looms would go to check the terrible velocity, but watching the lithe, swaying figure and the flying shuttles there seemed to be some subtle power in the girl that kept the complicated machine in abeyance, that kept every part true when every other loom in the mill would be heated run at half that speed, so the reproach was always unspoken.

In a few weeks Kathleen's looms were unaccountably idle a few days, then she came back with the old story of the pixies call, and—well with mutual apologies the Superintendent and overseer gave the girl another trial. Their respective wives took great interest in the shapely, gentle, docile creature who was most tractable in their reformatory hands. A few weeks later came a day of such terrific speed to her looms the women were afraid to work near her, and an hour before closing the timekeeper heard a stealthy, catlike sound and his quick raised eyes met the gaze of a hunted wild animal. When he collected his shattered senses he was all alone, just outside he saw Kathleen flying down the walk. Then her looms were idle a few days when she came back with the old story—and the old result. Before many months the Superintendent and overseer ceased apologizing to each other for their lax discipline, and their wives and the good women of St. Paul's were unremitting in their endeavors to help her, but no permanent reform rewarded them. It was always weeks of faithful, frenzied work, then days of disappearance.

One moist spring day in 1900 she came to the Superintendent after a longer absence than ever before, looking more wan, more shadowy than ever. The Superintendent told her she could not have work again in the mill, but his wife would give her a home and the cook train her for a model housekeeper, and talked to her as only a humanitarian can talk. But no, the well-ordered house she would have none of for "Shure an' its yer-self as knows I'd soon be cookin' the bairns and kissin' the praties. Giv me looms agin an' I'll sind the imps into the spindles. Och! wirra! wirra! an' it's niver agin I be lavin thim."

"How many times have you told me that in the past three years?" asked the Superintendent.

"Twinty if wanst. But I mane it now. Ah-h-h ye must thry me wanst more. I haven't a dollar, me landlady won't kape me atther the mornin'!"

"Here's some money my wife will lend you; pay your board and go to her or to the Adams mission."

"Niver," was the firm reply "giv me the whirlin' spindles, me spirits hungry fur thim." Then the Superintendent showed her a paper signed by every woman on the pay roll declaring they would leave if Kathleen was taken back again. The wan face grew more haggard as she heard the paper read, but at last with rallying courage she asked for night work—that was equally impossible for only men were employed.

Finally, realizing the mill was closed against her forever, in a fury of rage she broke out in a torrent of wild North-Ireland speech. Again the Superintendent besought her to go to his

wife or the Mission but the defiant answer was "Giv me looms or its to Bathery street I'll be goin' for shure."

"Don't go to Battery street Kathleen," cried the Superintendent and this time she heard the angel in the man and paused irresolutely with her hand on the door and a look in her eyes the Superintendent will never forget; she said impressively: "It's comin' back to me looms at sivin tonight I am an' niver will I miss me job this year this day"—and the door closed.

West of the mill are the railway tracks. The Central Vermont Vestibule "Flyer" from Montreal to New York pulls out of Blankton at 6.15 p.m. and before the mill is reached has begun the famous fifteen miles in thirteen minutes. The Superintendent of the cotton mill is one of those methodical souls who works till the task is completed, and this hush spring evening at 6.52 was turning the key in his desk when Kathleen's voice shrieked. "Oh! Holy Mary save me," and her agonized face appeared before him an instant and faded with groans, clanging bells and shrieking whistle from the locomotive, then sudden silence, and he rushed out in the dusk to where the engine stood, a great palpitating monster with extinguished lights. The engineer turned on the lights and together they beheld on the cowcatcher a form mangled beyond recognition, just below the headlight; wrapped in masses of the blackest hair was a scarless head, and Kathleen's wonderful eyes looked into theirs with speechless appeal.

Strong arms carried the lifeless body to the mill, toward which the erring feet had turned through the springtime mud. Generous purses provided for the burial from the Cathedral, on whose altar lay the sacred links from the chains that once fettered St. Peter, tapers were lighted, flowers scattered and masses chanted just as the Romish heart of Kathleen McKeough would best have liked.

The night of the burial the "Flyer" struck an obstruction on the tracks opposite the cotton mills at 6.52, and the bell clanged, the whistle shrieked and lights went out as Kathleen's face appeared and her voice was heard by both engineer and fireman. Re-lighting and hastily dismounting they found absolutely nothing on the track or engine, and looking sheepishly at each other said nothing.

At seven o'clock that night while on his rounds, the night watchman heard a set of looms running in No. 3, but supposing the repairer was testing them did not look in. Hearing the looms each half hour as he passed, at nine unlocked the door and beheld Kathleen McKeough running her looms with the old-time celerity. Scarcely believing his senses he called two other watchmen who at once recognized her. Next day they went to the parish priest, who assured them she was laid in consecrated ground facing the coming Archangel.

Assured that all was well with her unquiet soul they were unprepared to find her at work again that night. But there she was, and there she has been steadily at work each night for many months, taking only fifteen minutes rest for lunch as she used to do in life. All the old watchmen and many new watchmen have seen and heard her at work all the long night till five in the morning, when she takes out her web, folds and carries it with her the forbidden way across the tracks in the gray light of dawn, vanishing in light.

As soon as this was known, Blankton people scouted the facts as an old wives' tale, but the most incredulous scoff no more after going to the weaving room—and no longer explain the phenomenon.

All summer long the down "Flyer" was jolted, juggled, shrieked and stopped with lights out, at the place where Kathleen was killed, and always her voice is heard and her face is seen by the engineer, who is unable to put on steam enough to run past the fatal spot. Extra track walkers and new engineers were powerless to prevent the occurrence. At last in sheer desperation the time table was revised and the time of leaving changed one hour. First the track walkers, then the curious who took the trouble to go there, saw and heard another train pass at 6.52. Saw and heard Kathleen's screams, the locomotive with extinguished lights, all as really happened that fatal night.

In spite of reason, steady nerves and hereditary common sense, all who have looked into the matter are forced to admit that thus far Kathleen McKeough has kept her promise:

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## How a Dog Won the Red Cross.

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**N**ERO was his name, though it was a misnomer, for he was by no means cruel by nature.

If there was anyone whom Nero disliked, after a certain tragic happening in his life, it was a tramp, for he was wont to growl and show his teeth at sight of one of these itinerant vagabonds.

This was to be wondered at as he had first been seen in the village of S—as the canine comrade of a band of tramps; but whether

willingly in their company, or by force of circumstances beyond his control, the human contingent vouchsafed no information to the curiously inclined.

Continuing on their way with Nero in their midst, a noble brute among ignoble men, the tramps passed a handsome house two miles from the village of S—, situated upon the river bank and dangerously near a fall, over which the stream tumbled with deafening roar.

Suddenly the tramps halted in dismay as they beheld a tiny row-boat floating down the stream and containing two occupants, a little boy of nine and a girl of seven years.

They had lost an oar and with the one remaining could not get back to the shore and it was drifting toward the falls, its speed increasing as it approached the foaming, roaring waters.

The tramps stood motionless, either in awe at the danger the children were in or indifferent to their fate. Perhaps their antipathy to water prevented an attempt at rescue, be their reward what it might.

It was true that a suggestion was made that some one plunge into the river and catch the floating boat, swiftly gliding to destruction; but the very idea of getting wet was received with a shudder.

But one of the fraternity was an exception—the great Newfoundland dog the tramps had called Nero. He saw the danger the children were in and at once plunged to the rescue.

In vain did the tramps shout to him to return, for boldly he kept on, reached the boat, seized the rope hanging over the bow and turned toward the shore.

Could he save the children, or would he go over the falls with them?

For a moment it seemed that he would fail in his noble effort, but then it was seen that the boat gained headway toward the shore and just in time, for had it gone further down the stream the attempt at rescue would have been in vain.

It was a desperate struggle as it was; but aid came in the person of a horseman who dashed into the stream, seized the boat and dragged it ashore, where, before he could clasp his rescued children in his arms, they had sprung out and were both hugging their dog rescuer as though he had been a human being.

"Whose splendid dog is this?" asked the gentleman as he bent over the panting animal. "He is our dog, Mister, and we told him to do it—he's our Mascot," said one of the tramps, while the others nodded an acquiescence.

"I should have thought that one of you at least would have attempted what he accomplished; but I will not quarrel with you, as your dog saved my children from certain death, and I will pay you your price for him."

"That dog haint fer sale at no price, for he's our Mascot."

"I will give you a hundred dollars for him."

"No."

"Two hundred?"

"No."

"Three hundred?"

"He haint fer sale at no price."

Entreaty was in vain for the tramps started on their way, though the gentleman said as a last offer to tempt them:

"See here, men, this bag contains five hundred dollars, funds I hold of the Red Cross Society of which I am Treasurer. I was going to put it in the Bank, but it is too late now to deposit it today, and as it stands I will give it to you and make up the sum which was raised for a special object out of my own funds."

Even this generous offer was refused and the tramps went on their way, followed by the faithful dog, while the two children wept bitterly at their father's unsuccessful efforts to purchase Nero.

That night the handsome home of Mr. Louis Dewhurst, the Treasurer of the Red Cross Society, was entered and robbed.

Among other things stolen was the bag of money the Tramps had refused, and though the robbers had been fired upon by Mr. Dewhurst they had escaped with their booty, and when the day dawned no trace of them could be found, for it was not noticed until later that one of the rowboats belonging to the place was missing.

The next night Mr. Dewhurst was aroused by the loud barking of a dog, and going to the piazza there he found Nero, wet and muddy, while before him lay the bag containing the Red Cross money the tramps had refused to take in payment for their dog.

The bag was wet, but it had not been opened, for the money was all there.

The strange actions of the dog, his apparent desire to have Mr. Dewhurst accompany him, at last decided that gentleman as to what he would do, so he called up the servants, lanterns were procured and the party followed Nero.

He led the way to the river and while he plunged in to swim across, Mr. Dewhurst and his men got into a boat to follow, it then being noticed that one of the pleasure skiffs was missing.

Landing on the other shore, the dog led the way through a thick woodland until he came

to an old deserted house. He barked loudly as he approached and the glimmer of the lanterns caused a stampede of the tramps—all save one.

That one was lying upon the floor, dying from a bullet wound received the night before when robbing the Dewhurst home.

Going to the man, the dog licked his hands affectionately, while with an effort came the words:

"You can't punish me now, for I'll soon pass away and my dog will be the only one to mourn for me." "I leave him to you, sir, for I know that you and your children will be good to him. I love him dearly, for I raised him from a puppy and when I went to the bad two years ago, he followed my evil fortunes."

"He stole that bag of money from us to take back to you, and the rest of the booty is here, for my pals fled without it."

"Who I am matters not—I am—only a tramp."

A doctor was sent for by Mr. Dewhurst, also a constable, but the tramp died before their arrival. He was buried in the village graveyard the next day, Nero being the only mourner for the unknown tramp.

From his master's grave to the Dewhurst home went Nero, to become a welcome and honored guest. When the next meeting of the Red Cross Society was held, the story of his almost human deeds was told, along with his devotion to his master in his life of crime.

By a unanimous vote of the Society, it was decided that a dog that had done for them what Nero had, was worthy of being made an honorary member, and accordingly his name was changed to "Hero", and he was presented with a handsome silver-mounted collar, upon which in enamel was the emblem of the Red Cross.

## The Zaildar of Rach'na.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY FRANK H. SWEET.

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**R**ACH'NA is the name of the doab lying between the rivers Ra'vi and Chinab, and at the time of our writing, Bu'ra was zaildar of the cluster of little villages scattered among the banana fields at the south end of the doab.

Now Bu'ra was nothing if not a hater of the conquering race; and again, he was nothing if not a dissembler. He was chief among cowards, and that was well, for it prolonged life; and he believed implicitly in his own courage, and that was well, too, for it was a bulwark to his complacency. But the curious part in his complexity of character was a quick and sympathetic recognition of the heroic in others, and that was not well, for it sometimes worked against his interest or his hate.

Over on the bank of the Ra'vi was Pan'kha, where a pier was built out to deep water, and the only one among the villages on that side; and across on the Chinab, at Na'ya, was another pier, the only one on the Chinab side of the doab. Twelve cos—that is to say, about twenty miles—above Na'ya, was a missionary settlement; and twenty cos below Pan'kha was a seaport where trading vessels occasionally stopped. Thus, incoming and outgoing missionaries found the Rach'na a convenient way of shortening a tedious journey; and though there was occasionally a mysterious accident or disappearance, the travelers congratulated themselves on having such an agreeable and sincere friend as Bu'ra the zaildar.

So when rumors of an uprising among the Hindoos grew rife, which speedily became more than rumors and more than local in character, these missionaries looked to the Rach'na as a sure way of escape or place of refuge; and when Bu'ra of his own accord went among them, conciliatory, effusive, magnanimous, promising all they asked and more even than they had imagined, they cast fear and apprehension to the winds, and remained until all apparent possibility of escape was gone. Then one day they slipped across the dangerous intervening territory to Na'ya, expecting to cross the doab in the security of Bu'ra's friendship and to be furnished with a strong escort by him for the journey from Pan'kha to the seaport.

Sawar was lam'bardar of Na'ya, and can best be described by the word crafty; but like his master, the zaildar, his face was benevolent, with round, cordial, innocent eyes. Only sometimes, when he was alone, the corners of his mouth which had been taught to curve upward, would straighten obliquely toward his ears; and at such times his eyes would narrow and glitter, like a serpent disturbed or a panther that had gone long without food. But such revelations were only for his solitude, when his thoughts turned frankly inward; when they probed outward, craftily, his face did as it had been taught, and was the face of a good man. On the other hand the lam'bardar of Pan'kha was just what he looked, a bullet-headed, straightforward villain, as scornful of mercy as he was incapable of showing it. But in public service both Tez of Pan'kha and Sawar of Na'ya had but one mind, and that was the mind of their master, the zaildar.

On the surface it seemed remarkable that the missionaries could pass through the dangerous territory to the security of Rach'na, for stealthy forces glided from shadow to shadow and murderous eyes glared at them from every covert along the journey. But pass through they did, without molestation or even intimation of danger; and Bu'ra met them with cordial congratulations, which were echoed by Sewar, while Tez stood at one side, scowling and fierce, but viewed with approval by the travelers, for was he not a man of war and therefore a power for the protection of their journey to the seaport?

"The sahibs and mem-sahibs will stop at Na'ya to rest over night," smiled the zaildar, after the salutations were over. "That will be best, then they will be strong to accompany my young men to Pan'kha and on to the great water. I myself bu'ra, with the head men of my villages, will go to the limit of Rach'na for their further security. The Sahibs are my masters, and my poor life is but a small offering for their safety."

If any misgiving had been felt, this and the fact that they passed through the night in safety and were entertained with a royal repast in the morning, would have dispelled it; but in point of fact, no one had entertained suspicion. Bu'ra was a true friend and ally. His face even more than his words, proclaimed that.

Half way across Rach'na was a narrow defile between overhanging cliffs. Here travelers were obliged to go in single file and pick their way very slowly and carefully. It was a place for accident or ambush, to be avoided on a dark night, or at any time were it not that Rach'na was a friendly territory.

As the party entered the defile, it lengthened out, the scouts in advance with Teg, the sahibs and mem-sahibs in the centre under the beaming guardianship of Bu'ra, while the rear was brought up by Sawar and his men. Teg looked stolidly villainous, but his eyes were gleaming; Sewar was the caricature of his master, benign, suave, soft-voiced, but alert.

As they advanced, Bu'ra's swift eyes investigated the brows of the cliffs, the jagged rocks among which they were threading their way, personal ornaments and baggage of the travelers; but more than all, the faces of the sahibs and mem-sahibs. If there was any one thing in the world which the benevolent zaildar loved above spoils, it was to see faces blanch and forms quiver and voices cry out in agony of utter terror. Not even spectacles of heroism, of stoical endurance, could give him such exquisite pleasure as this.

"If the sahibs will now look," his suave voice was saying as they approached the narrowest part of the defile, "they will see things upon which travelers rarely gaze but once. Sahibs are fond of strange and terrifying sights, and this will be sufficient for a life-time. See?"

All craned forward eagerly, as one by one they rounded an angle in the defile; and then, one by one, as the dread spectacle burst upon them, they swayed back with an indrawn gasp of comprehending horror. The cliffs were lined with savage faces, other savage faces were peering at them from behind boulders; the scouts had stopped and turned towards them. Teg ferocious and eager, and his wild horde beginning to brandish their clubs; Sawar was pushing forward remorselessly; and right there in their midst was Bu'ra smiling, deprecating, suave, but with an intangible something in his expression which they had not seen before, something terrible.

They understood in a flash; and after that one gasp of horror the dread left their faces, and they looked at each other calmly, almost triumphantly. They were without weapons,—without knowledge of weapons,—but it was just as well; weapons would have been worse than useless there.

Bu'ra watched them smilingly, gloatingly, then wonderingly. Why did they not wring their hands and shriek and plead for mercy. That was the usual way. But perhaps they were too paralyzed with fear to even cry out. Yes, that was it, surely.

"It is a fine sight, sahibs," he breathed softly, "one it is not easy to forget. And it has all been arranged for the sahibs' benefit. Bu'ra is lavish in behalf of his guests."

"Yes, I see, I am very sorry, Bu'ra—for you." There was no fear in the leader's voice, only regret; and as Bu'ra's keen eyes searched the calm face and clear gaze, he read more of compassion than anger.

"Sahibs," he began brusquely, but the leader had raised his hand, and at the signal the sahibs and mem-sahibs dropped upon their knees. Bu'ra's eyes began to gleam. Now the Kira'ni were going to cry to their God for succor, and that would be almost as pleasant as to hear them cry to him. And indeed it would not be long now before they would be groveling about his feet.

But no! Instead of supplication, their voices rose in a clear, joyous paean of victory, swelling out into the remote parts of the defile, and up, up to the brows of the cliffs, where the dark-faced, fierce-eyed men lowered their spears and clubs to listen.

Bu'ra watched with sharp, scrutinizing eyes, at first expectantly, then with chagrin written on his face, then curiously. When the travelers rose, the intangible something which had been terrible was gone from his face, leaving it again suave, benevolent, frank.

He was smiling now. He had not heard frenzied supplications and cries of agony, as he had hoped; but a spectacle that was almost equally pleasing appealed to the other side of his nature. He saw sahibs and mem-sahibs facing death without a tremor or change of color; and the sight made his eyes widen, and brought his fingers to his lips in quick signaling.

Sawar heard the clear, resonant whistle without a change of countenance, but to the fierce eyes of Teg came a moment of disappointment; then his face became passive. Down the defile and along the brows of the cliffs the fierce-eyed men lowered spears and clubs. They, too, knew their master. The signal ordered protection. Henceforward the travelers were to be safe.

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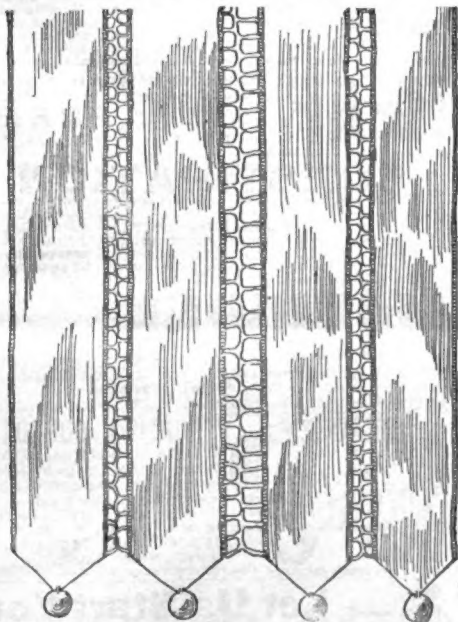


THE following letter comes to us from Capt. E. A. Wilson, Washington, D. C.

To The Editor.—Loving as I do the beautiful I want to tell you readers about two charming evergreen vines which grow here in our city to perfection, adorning our palatial homes and cottages with a covering of living green. I refer to the "running winter ivy" and the "winter honeysuckle,"

the latter being covered in summer with variegated blossoms of delicious fragrance, and if vine is trained up and fastened, will climb fifteen to twenty feet, making a most charming fence covering veranda or trellis shade; as an ornament and covering for the graves of our loved ones there is nothing more fitting.

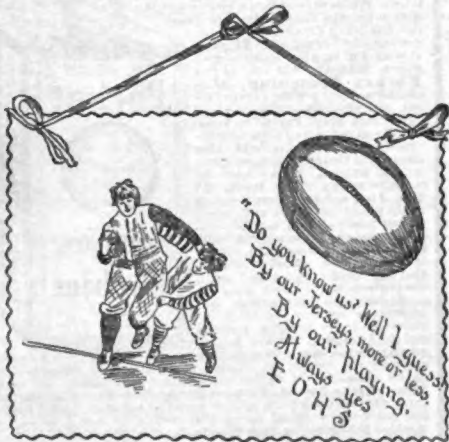
The "running winter ivy" is a wonderful climber, needing no fastening, and a few roots or cuttings placed at the side of your house will soon grow and spread to cover its sides completely. As an absorbent of dampness or moisture from the outer walls of your house it has great value, as well as being beautifully shady and ornamental. Both are impervious to frost and cold and retain their green foliage all winter long. Both are hardy and will stand sending long distances by mail, or otherwise. Several varieties of these vines are growing here, some of which lose their foliage in winter but the kinds mentioned are green the year round. These vines will take root during spring, summer or late fall. As a winter indoor ornament either of these vines may be grown in a vase or brackets each side of the window, forming a beautiful arch, and may be trained as a frieze encircling your room.



RIBBON TIE.

With Christmas in the near future, a few suggestions for gifts that can be easily and inexpensively made will be acceptable to most of the readers of this column. The writer received a gift of a dainty tie, recently, which we illustrate herewith, and describe as follows: Four strips of inch wide blue satin ribbon, each one and one-half yards long. They are fastened together with a fancy open-work stitch made of heavy white silk. The ends of the ribbon are finished with a point, and each point has a pearl bead to finish it off. This tie goes twice around the neck, leaving ends long enough to tie in a four-in-hand knot, if desired, or, if fastened in front with a fancy brooch the ends will fall nearly to the waist. The ends may be finished with small silk tassels, if desired, which makes the tie longer.

The match-scratcher shown in the illustration is a suitable gift for a college friend. The foundation is a piece of cardboard eight and one-half inches long and five and one-half wide; to this paste a piece of watercolor paper nine inches long by seven inches wide, so that it extends over the edge evenly all around. On the paper paint in watercolors two members of a football team, in their suits, scrambling for the ball. Also, in the colors of the team (class or college) paint in large letters the "yell." In the upper left hand corner paste a football made of sand paper, slightly colored and lined, on which to scratch the matches. Fasten to



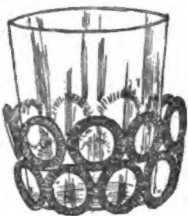
MATCH SCRATCHER.

the wall by means of a long loop of ribbon of the class colors.

Another idea for a match scratcher is simply a block on which two inch ribbon is rolled. Paste sand paper on each end. Cover the block with red ribbon. Put a bow of ribbon of the same shade but narrower on one side and long loops to hang it by. This may be hung to the gas fixture or put on the mantel. If fresh ribbon is put on occasionally it will always be a dainty and useful ornament.

Another illustration shows a nice little affair for holding matches. Purchase a tiny tumbler; it will cost from three to five cents. Cover enough small rings with pink silk to make two rows round the glass. To these rings sew ribbon to hang the holder by. Use different colors to cover the rings; filled with candies these make a pretty trimming for the Christmas tree, and when put to proper use they will be found serviceable.

The calendar shown in the illustration has the honor of being designed by one of our Minneapolis readers, Miss Lizzie L. Martin of



FOR MATCHES.

the honor of being designed by one of our Minneapolis readers, Miss Lizzie L. Martin of the foundation is of gray poster board, seven inches long and five wide. In the lower right hand corner fasten a small calendar pad. This may be purchased at any art store. From the book called "They Say" by Charles Getchell, select a saying suitable to the character of the one for whom the gift is intended, and letter it on the left hand side in white. Now select pictures to illustrate the sayings (they may be cut from papers, magazines, or if you are so gifted, painted in watercolor), and paste this artistically on the card. The main charm of this little affair lies in the fitness of the saying. At the top cut slits in the card and run holly colored ribbon through and tie in a bow, leaving a loop to hang it by. The one shown herewith was presented to a lady whose son is a physician of note of whom she is justly proud. "They Say that some women never tire of talking about their doctor and their grandchildren."

A constant reader has sent us the following suggestion for an evening entertainment, which cannot fail to appeal to some of our social friends who are ever on the lookout for something out of the ordinary for the entertainment of their friends.

The men are set to do tasks that usually are done by women, and vice versa, and prizes are awarded to those who make the most points. Men are detailed to thread needles, five minutes being the limit in each case. At the end of this time the gentleman who has threaded the largest number of needles is said to have won in this particular contest. He receives a point towards the final prize.

The work of the ladies in umbrella rolling is examined and pronounced upon by the men. The lucky woman whose rolling is considered superior to that of her associates receives a point towards the ladies' prize to be awarded at the close of the festivities.

Driving nails and making button-holes should be the next number on the program, the nails to be driven by the women, while the men devote themselves to button-hole making. Each lady is given a strip of soft wood, a dozen nails and a hammer, the men receiving strips of linen with buttonholes cut in them, needles and thread. A lively feature it proves to be. Points towards the finals are bestowed here as in the preceding contest. The awarding of these points is followed at once by a brisk round in which the gentlemen trim straw bonnets with flowers and ribbon, and the ladies puzzle over lengthy examples in commercial arithmetic. The results of these tasks are judged by a committee formed of persons of the opposite sex, the two most successful players receiving as before a point towards the prize.

The next feature is, if possible, even more absurd and fun provoking than those which went before, for here both divisions of the company are given pencils and paper, the gentlemen being asked to write directions for making fancy dishes, such as angel cake, sweetbread patties and chicken croquettes while



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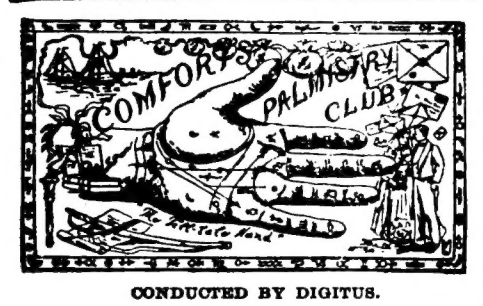
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**I** HAVE so many questions about lines and mounts this month that I am going to devote this article to answering questions.

The hand is essentially the organ of the mind, the medium of its expression, and the instrument whereby its promptings are carried into execution. "We first see the hand," says Sir Charles Bell, "ministering to man's necessities and sustaining the life of the individual; in a second stage of his progress, we see it adapted to the wants of society, when man becomes a laborer and an artificer; in a state still more advanced, science is brought in aid of mechanical ingenuity, and the elements which seem adverse to the progress of society become the means conducing to it. The seas, which at first set limits to nations, and grouped mankind into families, are now the means by which they are associated. Philosophical chemistry has associated the elements to man's use; and all tend to the final accomplishments of the great objects to which everything, from the beginning, has pointed—the multiplication and distribution of mankind, and the enlargement of the sources of man's comfort and enjoyment, the relief from too incessant toil, and the consequent improvement of the higher faculties of his nature." Is it unreasonable to pay particular attention to the instrument by which all these things are accomplished, and to regard it as something more than a mere organ of the body? Aristotle was quite right when he called the hand the organ of the organs, the active agent of the passive powers of the entire system; and Desbarrolles has followed in his footsteps when he has said, that like as man is a condensation of the universe, a microcosm, so is the hand a condensation of the man.

A **COMFORT** reader writes from California as follows: "I am a reader of 'COMFORT' and

have been watching the Palmistry department; in the last one you speak of Cheiro's reference to the Bible, and the book of Job. Now, either Cheiro is ignorant of the Bible and the book of Job especially, and believes what some one has told him, or else he is a willful fabricator, for that expression 'God set signs and seals on men's palms that they might be read by all men,' is not in the Book of Job or the Bible. I saw that printed here in Los Angeles by a palmist in an advertisement sometime ago so I went and got the Bible and read the Book of Job through but could not find it, so when the last **COMFORT** came, I saw the same; thinking I might have overlooked it, when I read it before, I read it through again, and have just finished it, and that quotation is not in it, now how dishonest that is; so many people will read that and take it for granted that it is true, when there is not a word of truth in it. I think palmistry can stand without being bolstered up on falsehoods. I wish you would let me hear your opinion of this through the palmistry column. I do not think you would willfully mislead any one for you seem to be honest."

Now let us see what Cheiro actually does say about this. Here it is: In view of the opposition of the church it is interesting to notice the many important phrases in the Bible in which hands are mentioned. There are many authorities who affirm that among the arts learned by the Jews while in Egypt was this study of the hand; but the most important verse used in support of this is the seventh of the thirty-seventh chapter of Job. "He sealeth up the hand of every man that all men may know his work." In the original Hebrew it appears to have a very different meaning from that given to it by the English version. One translation of it runs, "God placed signs or seals in the hands of men, that all men might know their works." This verse, about the middle of the sixteenth century, caused some very great discussions among theologians and commentators. Among them we find that many advocated the cheiromantic aspect that the lines of the hand are "the markings of God, that all men might know their work." Among those in support of this view were Francisus Valesius, Schultens, Lorannus, Thomassin, and Debrion, and this is all the more remarkable when one remembers that these men could not have lived in a more antagonistic age in which to propagate their views. The translation of the Bible into English at a time when the opposition to palmistry, sorcery, and witchcraft was at its height, is very probably the cause of the wording of this verse as it now stands.

Among other verses that seem to bear a relation to this point might be mentioned: "Length of days is in her right hand, riches and honor are in her left." (Prov. III, 16.) "What evil is in mine hand!" (1 Sam., XXXVI, 18.)

"And receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand?" (Rev. XIV, 9.) But of all the many allusions to the subject, the verse in Job is certainly the most important, and one which, as I have shown, has called the support of even Theologians. So that seems to throw the necessary light on the subject and prove that Cheiro knew what he was talking about.

"Aimee" speaks of her fate line as rising in the center of her hand and running downward toward the wrist. She reads this sign just contrary. The fate line rises at the bottom of the hand and runs upward and should be so read. This one rising in a triangle is a sign of success and shows that the subject will be of a scientific turn of mind in whatever she undertakes.

"M. L. J." also speaks of lines rising on the Mount of Jupiter and running down beside the life line. This is to be read exactly opposite from the way she takes it. It rises beside the life line and ends on the Mount of Jupiter indicating that some ambition connected with that part of the life will be gratified. She has ambition, pride and a desire for power and these will be gratified. These ray lines following along beside the life lines are very important ones to be looked for in the hand. Cheiro says in regard to these "if such a line ascend towards or run into the Mount of Jupiter, it will denote a rise in position or a step higher

at the date it leaves the line of life. Such a mark relates more to successful ambition in the sense of power than anything else. If the line, on the contrary, rise to Saturn and follow by the side of the line of fate, it denotes the increase of wealth and worldly things, but resulting from the subject's own energy and determination.

If the line leave the line of life and ascend to the Mount of the Sun, it denotes distinction according to the class of hand.

If it leave the line of life and cross to Mercury, it promises great success in business or science, again in accordance with the class of hand, whether square, spatulate, or conic. For instance, such a line on the square would indicate success in business or science; on the spatulate, in invention or discovery, and on the conic it would foretell success in money matters, reached by the impulsive action of such a nature, as in sudden speculation or enterprise.

An island on the line of life means an illness or loss of health while the island lasts, but a clearly formed island at the commencement of the line of life denotes some mystery connected with the subject's birth.

The line running through a square, indicates preservation from death, from bad health when it surrounds an island, from sudden death when the life-line running through is broken, and from accident when a little line cutting the life line rises from the Plain of Mars.

A square, whenever found on the line of life, is a mark of preservation.

Of the great attendant line found parallel to and within the line of life, otherwise called the line of Mars, I shall speak later. This attendant line, the line of Mars, which rises on the Mount of Mars, must not be confounded with those springing from the line of life itself, nor with those that rise upon the Mount of Venus. The most simple rule to bear in mind is, that all even, well-formed lines following the line of life indicate favorable influences over the life, but that all those rising in the opposite direction and cutting the life-line show worries and obstacles caused by the opposition and interference of others. Where these lines end and how they terminate is, therefore, an important point in this study.

When they cut the lines of life only, they denote the interference of relatives—generally in homelife.

When they cross the life-line and attack the line of fate, they denote people who will oppose us in business or worldly interests, and where they cut the fate line the point of junction gives the date.

When they reach the line of head, they indicate persons who will influence our thoughts and interfere with our ideas.

When they reach and cut the line of heart, they denote interference in our closest affections, and here the date of such interference is given where the line cuts the life-line, and not where it touches the line of heart.

When they cut and break the line of sun, they denote that others will interfere and spoil our position in life, and that the mischief will be caused by scandal or disgrace at the point or junction.

When the line crosses the hand and touches the line of marriage, it signifies divorce, and will occur to the person on whose hand it appears.

When this crossing-line has in itself a mark like an island or any approach to it, it denotes that the person who will cause the trouble has had either scandal or some such trouble in connection with his or her own life.

When, on the contrary, the ray lines run parallel as it were to attend the life-line, they denote the most important influences of our lives.

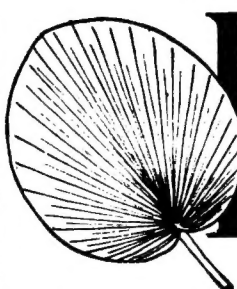
Lines on the percussion—i. e., on the edge of the hand, between the base of the little finger and the line of heart—indicate liaisons, or serious affairs of the heart if horizontal, (i. e., parallel with the line of the heart,) each line indicating a separate liaison or love affair, a single deep line indicating one strong and lasting affection. If vertical they denote almost invariably the number of children which the subject has had. De Peruchio lays down the rule that if they are strong they denote

boys, if faint, girls; and if they are short or indistinct the children are either dead or not yet born. Several vertical lines on the percussion, crossed by a line which starts from a star upon the mount, betrays sterility, whilst a marriage line, ending abruptly in a star, indicates a marriage or liaison of short duration, terminated by death.

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#### House Cooling.

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persons who lived much less than a century ago, when furnaces were unknown, and bedrooms were usually left unmodified as to temperature, no matter how bitter the weather might be.

The records of the Patent Office at Washington show that many inventors have been trying recently to find a solution of the problem of house cooling, but up to now no thoroughly practical and satisfactory idea seems to have been found. Possibly the houses of the future may be supplied with cold air from central stations, or with ammonia gas, just as nowadays companies in New York and some other large cities furnish steam heat. It might even be possible, though the notion has a suggestion of absurdity about it, to draw cool and pure air from far aloft on mountain heights and transmit it by pipe-line to near-by centers of population. To fetch sea air from the seacoast in this way, if the latter were not far distant, might be practicable perhaps.

Most of the patented contrivances for the cooling of dwellings suggest the utilization for that purpose of the pipes which in winter are employed for heating—an idea which certainly possesses the merit of economy. Thus the steam pipes, arranged in coils, might be used in hot weather to hold chilling ammonia gas. At the Capitol in Washington, the hall of the House of Representatives is warmed in winter by air which is passed around and between coils of steam pipes, and it has been proposed to cool the chamber in summer by simply substituting ammonia gas for the steam. It does not appear that any great difficulty would be involved in carrying out such a plan.

Quite possibly liquid air may furnish the eventual solution of this problem, inasmuch as it is not at all expensive, and is capable of supplying any quantity of cold that may be required. By liberating it slowly, with the help of an automatic governor, it might be made to keep a room, or even a house, at precisely a certain temperature all summer long, so that the inmates of the dwelling would never suffer from the heat while indoors, no matter how severe it was outside.

**T**HE Order of the Garter was founded by Edward III., in 1344. The emblem of the Order is a garter, formerly of light blue silk, with the motto embroidered in rubies, pearls and diamonds, but it is now of dark blue velvet about an inch wide, with the motto in gold. It is worn on the left leg, just below the knee,—but when the sovereign is a woman she wears it on her left arm just below the elbow.



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Billy Baxter once remarked that every girl who wore a sailor hat did not own a yacht. In the same way every one who is interested in the great yacht race of this month may not understand one technical point in regard to yachting. But the American who lives so far inland that he never smells salt air knows that America does not wish to be defeated in sport or business. We have the cup and we want to keep it, so that the whole nation are yachtsmen until we know where the cup is to winter.

The sharp criticism of Admiral Schley in McClay's History of the Navy seems likely to result in a Congressional inquiry into the charges. If the matter is settled with the same speed as the question of who planned the Chattanooga campaign there is little danger of hard feeling from the result. The decision has just been made in the Civil War dispute and General Rosecrans is declared the originator of the plan of campaign. This generation has forgotten the details and hardly knows what the decision means.

September means the end of vacation to the thousands of children who are fortunate enough to leave the cities for the country during July and August. A still more fortunate class can prolong their outing until October. The teachers can best judge of the question proposed by two eminent scholars. One of them affirmed, "Knowledge is the product of leisure," while the other said, "Knowledge is the product of work." It is no doubt true that the clear eyed, brown faced little folk that the school bell calls in seem to have forgotten all they knew in June. Summer has, however, taught them a wisdom never learned in books.

It is a question whether the persistent daily newspaper reader is after all a well-informed person. There is a growing idea that mental dissipation may be found in the daily paper, but the accurate knowledge of current events is obtained elsewhere at a less expenditure of energy. The weekly and monthly readers of the current questions of the day grow in power. Magazines filling this field have a constantly increasing subscription list. Many a farmer depending upon his local paper for information of the great movements of the world has a clearer idea of them than the one retained by the eager reader of the daily press. The average city newspaper is largely local. The immediate environment concentrates energy and attention to the detriment of interest and knowledge of world affairs. The dweller in the country looks beyond his own circle for interest and so is often possessed of more general information than the city reader.

The people who have taken so energetically to automobiling as a means of amusement are really behind the times. Ballooning is the amusement of the moment in Europe. The "fad" was originated during the Paris Exposition when a series of long distance balloon races was entered on. Many of the balloonists were members of the French aristocracy. The excitement of the long, swift flight through the air, with the landing in strange countries, suggested a new amusement. The passengers began to study the science that controlled the movement of these air ships. The element of danger has been almost wholly eliminated by the modern balloonists, but the element of novelty is there. Some of the women of the Austrian royal family recently took a short balloon trip. We may expect to see the sport imported to America. The dwell-

ers upon farms may find the American four hundred "dropping in to tea" in a literal fashion. The amusement is due here about next summer.

The foreign affairs of the United States are having one direct effect in colleges. The study of the languages that will be of immediate and practical business value is markedly increasing. Spanish is now taught in many high schools and in most colleges. A chair has recently been endowed in Columbia for the study of the Chinese language. The language is so difficult to acquire that even the wealth and antiquity of Chinese literature has not tempted Americans to make a study of it. A knowledge of Chinese is likely to prove of commercial advantage in the near future. The highest honor of Vanderbilt University is the medal in oratory. This year it was awarded to a Chinaman, Charles Yun Marshall of Soo Chow. His oration was entitled, "Miracles of the Twentieth Century." He predicted that China would take her place among the greatest nations. One of the defects in the education of business men is the inability to speak or write the language of the nations with which we have the possibility of trade. It will be interesting to observe the practical result of the new interest in the Spanish and Chinese languages.

The Washington Memorial Institution formally commences its great work this autumn. The request of Washington that a great university be founded at Washington with the money that he left for its endowment has long been a subject of discussion. The great universities of the nation with their magnificent endowments left no field unoccupied. At the same time, the great scientific work undertaken by the different government bureaus with their three millions annual appropriation seemed to demand that it be accessible to the general student. This has been accomplished by the Washington Memorial Institution which was incorporated in May 1901 and formally organized in June. Daniel Gilmore, ex-president of Johns Hopkins University, has been given the directorship of the work. The detailed policy of the institution is not yet completed but it will place at the disposal of students from any part of the United States the entire results of government work and research along the lines of science, economics, history, etc. Students will be able to study here for degrees in any of our great universities. It follows Washington's idea in the most practical manner, and when its purpose is understood it will prove the greatest educational institution of the century.

The cotton growers of the South and the wheat growers of the West hardly realize the importance to them of a dam that has recently been completed in that mysterious "Upper Egypt". The Nile valley is the most fertile section of the globe but its productiveness has entirely depended upon the annual overflow of the Nile. The ancient Egyptians used to worship the river and make it offerings that it might overflow its banks and insure a good season. Modern engineering compels this ancient god to obey its commands. One dam has already been constructed across the middle Nile so that lower Egypt has been irrigated and its productiveness been correspondingly increased. Now a second dam has been completed and a third is in process of construction. By means of these an immense area will become permanently instead of irregularly productive. Sugarcane can be profitably grown in the irrigated territory. Already Egypt produces one-tenth of the world's supply of cotton. It is believed that these staples, corn, sugar-cane and wheat can be supplied to England at a less price than America can fix. The commercial results rank the enterprise with the Trans-Siberian railroad and the Nicaragua canal.

The wild rush for homes in the territory opened last month emphasizes the fact that this is almost the last opportunity to obtain a home upon government land. Canada is now the only country in the world offering free land to home seekers. The vast public domains of the United States have been occupied and the opening of any new tract is a rush and a grab. Last year twelve thousand home seekers from the United States crossed the line into Canada while fifty thousand people entered her ports from abroad. All of these settlers go to the northwest. The Canadian government is planning a new canal to cross from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario. It is believed that ships may be laden with the grain from the great Northwest and sent directly to Europe. The mad rush for homes in Oklahoma emphasizes a point of weakness that we shall have to meet in the future, that is the immigration of the farmer element who seek cheap land or free homes. Canada offers them an inviting opportunity and its government uses all its power to provide markets for the products of its settlers. Our commercial and manufacturing interests need no government aid to maintain supremacy they have obtained over other nations. We have dangerous rivals in our agriculture and our most threatening one is just over the line.

The amusements of our untitled aristocracy are largely copied from those of Europe. The automobiles were firmly established in France before the present enthusiasm was aroused in the United States. The development of the sport showed the same dangerous tendency that it does in the United States. The high rate of speed maintained on country roads is a menace to life. In France the matter was regulated by a national law but in this country it must be looked after by separate village and city laws. The result is that no law is enforced and the "autos" whiz past, frightening horses and monopolizing roads. The summer record for accidents from this cause is lengthy. If compiled in one list it would arouse public attention. We hardly realize that a new and rapid means of locomotion is becoming so

generally used that it should be regulated to a proper regard for the general welfare, but such is the case. When the new storage battery which Edison has lately invented is applied to all movable vehicles we shall have a complete revolution in the present methods of transportation. Uniform laws governing the speed of vehicles will be as necessary as safety regulations on steam railroads. Edison's invention can be applied to anything from a plow to a freight car. The states should make general laws that will govern the features in the new transportation that are threatening to safety.

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hearth - fire - light en - twin - ing, All the hap - py child - hood mem - ries, with the tho'ts that in us burn. Now my tir - ed hands are fold - ed, and my  
hap - py au - tumn hours Is 're - joice in God's bright sun - shine, look be - yond, be not a - fraid.' So sweet fan - cy paints my pic - ture, 'twixt the

heart finds rest be - hold - ing Thy fair im - age, gen - tle maid - en, in the em - bers cheer - y glow. Ah! what mat - ter tho' deep sad - ness come to  
shad - ow and the shin - ing, And she weaves its frame of mem - ries, 'mid the fire - light's mel - low glow. And she soothes the heart's wild yearning, all its

me mid life's un - fold - ing, Fan - cy brings back days be - lov - ed, In the gold - en long a - go.  
care, its sad re - pin - ing, For she brings back days be - lov - ed, In the (Omit. . . . .) gold - en long a - go.

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## Scotch Pipe Players.

A sight quite frequent in Canada but very seldom in the United States is that of a band of Scotch Bag-Pipers. Probably no other country in the world possesses a people so clan-nish, so tenacious to customs as Scotland and wherever the Scotch people go one will find a strict adherence to local customs which are handed down from generation to generation and are quickly recognized by those familiar with them. They are a people full of peculiar superstitions to which they cling as tenaciously as they do to their other customs.

A large number of people on the Canada side of the line are of Scotch descent and many of the military regiments are equipped with full band of Scotch Pipers. These musicians dress in the Scotch highland costume with Scotch caps, short jackets, kilts and from the shoulder the scarf of tartan plaid; half-hose with heavy shoes complete this costume so that the appearance of the Highlander to the uninitiated is that of bare-legged men with short petticoats, but as a whole the costume is strikingly picturesque and entirely distinctive.

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Wherever the music of the bag-pipe is heard the Scotch will be in evidence and many a one will break into tears at the sound of the beloved Pipe in some distant country where their music reminds them so strongly of their rugged native mountains.

These people take great pride in their skill and by long practice can play for hours at a time. They also cultivate the art of dancing and have many difficult and intricate figures which they weave into reels and strathspeis. A great many Canadian organizations in visiting the United States carry Pipers with them and wherever they appear they create a great deal of interest and are considered a very attractive novelty.

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The long, beautiful summer is coming to a close, and with it one of the most peaceful, uneventful summers known to our country. Not an evil of any magnitude has come to us—no wars or rumors of wars, no great loss and no great convulsion of nature. To be sure, we had an unprecedentedly warm "wave" in July, and there were many deaths in consequence of the extreme heat, but even that was not sufficiently severe to be reckoned as a national calamity, and so we can without hesitation thank our Heavenly Father for the lovely summer which is past, and gather strength from its pleasures for the duties or troubles which may be at hand.

As I write this it is the morning of the Fourth of July, and the boys are making the air outside my window blue with smoke and resonant with the din of their patriotism, and my mind goes back to the time, one hundred and twenty-five years ago, to "the day we celebrate," when a few acres of corn were all our country had to show of this necessary grain, and the following letter, giving an idea of the extent to which it is now utilized, shows us once more how rapidly we have advanced in power and strength in a short time. May our gratitude to the Hand which has led us, our patriotism and our endeavors to improve both ourselves and our beloved country never grow less.

WONDER if any of the readers of *COMFORT* have ever visited a canning establishment? While traveling through the corn belt in south-western Iowa, it was my good fortune to be called to the little town of Atlantic, about half-way distant between Des Moines and Omaha. It is, even now, only a dot on those broad western prairies, containing about five thousand inhabitants, yet it holds one of the largest corn canning establishments in the world. Already the corn of the coming season on two thousand acres of land has been contracted for from the farmers within the near vicinity.

"Riding through this vast acreage of corn, during the season, as far as the eye can reach, nothing but the rich, waving green of the corn can be seen. It reminds one of a vast expanse of water as the great stalks and leaves, gently undulating in the breeze, show their different shades of green; or later, when in full yellow tassel, it has to the nature-lover's eye, as well as to the ambitious money seeker, the same fascination.

"From the time when the first load of corn is brought to the factory until the close the work goes on in full blast; night and day factory and employees being pushed to their utmost. Of course so much machinery is now used that labor is much reduced, but about three hundred hands are employed for the season. Last year 4,700,000 cans of corn were canned here, making an average of 124,000 cans per day in the season of five weeks, which they claim is the largest output ever made by any factory in the United States. The sweet corn crop usually equals about six tons to the acre, and seldom falls below four tons. The price paid is \$4.50 per ton, delivered. In making contracts the factory owners provide for such a large crop by making it dependable upon their pleasure whether they will take corn to the excess of four tons an acre. The average payment to the farmers last year was \$18.00 per acre.

"During the season of five weeks 4,700,000 cans were used for corn and 465,000 for peas. The canner is a place well worth a visit, as it is very interesting to watch the work from the husking of the corn until the solder closes the can. In addition to this one is surprised to learn the utility of all waste, even, and we are ready to believe that in this age there is nothing worthless under the sun. The cornstalks are hauled away for feed for cattle, and the cobs are dried and used in various ways. A factory like this surely helps to increase the wealth of a community.

B. T. O.

Whether Christian Scientists or not the following description of the beautiful rooms furnished by the children for the pleasure of Mrs. Eddy will be enjoyed by my readers, for we all like to hear of beautiful things.

"It is possible that among the readers of this column there are some who are interested in Christian Science. To those who are, perhaps a description of 'Mother's Room' in the church recently built in Boston, Mass., by the Christian Scientists in this part of the country will be enjoyed.

"This room, or suite, is in the church building, and is the gift of the children of the society, who call themselves the 'Busy Bees'. It is for the use of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, when she is in town. The entire suite is beautifully finished in white and gold with mosaic floors, and the main room has an onyx fireplace with mantel. There is a couch, four beautiful easy chairs, a writing cabinet and onyx table with beautiful lamp in the main room, also an eider down rug, which is made from the skins of a hundred eider ducks. An onyx bee hive is in one of the window seats, and in it are the names of the hundreds of children who contributed to the furnishing of the suite. There are three stained glass windows in the room, and one side is entirely occupied by an oil painting showing the old haircloth rocking chair in which Mrs. Eddy sat while writing her book, 'Science and Health.'



CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST CHURCH, BOSTON.

The two small rooms opening from the main room are the toilet and dressing rooms, which are beautifully fitted up, the dressing room having a full length mirror, chiffonier and wardrobe; and the toilet room having all the appointments made from marble, with gold plated faucets and trimmings.

ALICE EDSON, Boston, Mass.

Here is a letter which may give some of you "the shivers" to read, and cause you to be thankful that you were not there "to see."

"I want to tell you of such a thrilling adventure I had not many years ago, while visiting one of Missouri's remarkable features known as the Rattlesnake Den. This den is situated in south-eastern Missouri, on the banks of a muddy, sluggish stream which has been aptly named Blackwater.

"In order to reach the mouth of the cave our party had to climb almost perpendicularly to the top of a cliff some ninety or one hundred feet above the railroad track. How gladly we held to the few stunted shrubs that adorned our trail! For the hillside was one mass of loose rocks which were constantly slipping from under foot and tending to allow us a slide to the iron rails below, or probably on into the mud-stream just below the rails. Before starting up the ascent we were assured we had made no mistake in the location, both by the odor that arose and the presence of so many dead snakes killed by our predecessors. When we reached the door of the cave, which was simply an immense hole in the side of the hill, we were somewhat disappointed, for instead of being frightened we were charmed with the beauty of the scene before us. The long glittering stalactites seemed to be reaching down from the low, massive ceiling and bidding their neighbors the stalagmites listen to the murmur of a little stream whose crystal drops formed a striking contrast to the filth of the stream below.

"I am sure our guide enjoyed our disappointment, for he allowed us to stand in wonder several minutes, then, calling attention to a large hole in the side of the cave, bade us notice in there closely. To our thorough consternation we beheld the long, glistening bodies of snakes after snakes, some lying along the sides and ceiling, others curled up about the floor and on the tops and around the bottoms of the stalagmites. After once fully realizing our situation a panic immediately ensued, and though we were aware of the danger in going down, we scattered helter skelter in every direction, and had it not been for the coolness and discretion of our guide I do not think any of us would have reached our destination in safety."

MAMIE B. SANDRIDGE, Nelson, Mo.

The following description of the inside of a mine may be commonplace to a westerner, but to the eastern cousins, most of them, the inside of a mine of any kind is an unknown world.

"Two years ago our family moved to the little town of Gowen, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, where my brother is a miner. We were seven miles from depot or railway, although a switch came to our camp to remove the cars of gold ore. The houses are painted red, and have neither stables, fences nor wells of water. The horses, dogs, chickens and half-starved hogs roam about unsheltered and uncared for. Fences are never built because people seldom remain more than six months in one house, and the only decent drinking water to be had comes from a mountain spring miles away, and is hauled to town twice a day and sold to people at ten cents for a small keg. The supply is, of course, limited, and is soon sold, and later applicants to the water man can get none, his motto being 'First come first served.'

"During our stay at this place we planned a trip into the mine to see my brother at his work. We started about eight in the evening, as he was then on the night shift. We procured several miner's lamps, which the miners constantly carry fastened to the tops of their caps. These resemble a child's tin teapot, and are filled with kerosene. They hold so little that it is necessary to refill them several times during the twelve hours which constitute the day's work of a miner.

"When we arrived at the top of the 'slope' we lighted our lamps and went down on the tram car used for drawing up the ore. We went through doors and left heavy canvas curtains fall behind us as we passed on. Heavy supports of lumber braced the roofs of the passages and chambers which were sometimes not more than three or four feet above the ground, and men and mules alike are obliged to get through as best they can. The scaffolding overhead, or rather the earth above it, drips constantly, so that the ground beneath is a mere slough, and the water sometimes gets so bad underneath that it must be pumped out.

"At last we came to the chamber where my brother was at work, and there he sat on his little platform digging out the rock, while another man shoveled away the piles of ore as they fell beside him. The machine which held his drill had two iron wheels a foot in diameter, between which is a piece of iron which holds a drill three feet in length. A motion of the hand moved the drill two or three inches at a time. We watched him for half an hour in absolute silence for the noise of the drill was so great that it was impossible to make speech heard above it.

"Miners are very reluctant to work with a woman in the mine, for fear of causing an accident while she is there, and some miners flatly refuse to use their drills while one is near them. My brother nearly lost his life in an accident since we visited

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## A GENEROUS OFFER

**George B. Wright Discovers a Cure for Lost Manhood and Sends It Free to Every Sufferer Who Will Write for it.**

Gratitude is one of the noblest impulses of the human heart and in few instances has this fine quality been so conspicuously exemplified as in the case of George B. Wright of Marshall.

Mr. Wright is a merchant and well known citizen of Marshall, Mich., who was permanently cured of lost manhood and nervous debility after declining health for years. He now devotes his life to helping other men who suffer as he once suffered. Mr. Wright offers to send the medical prescription that effected a cure in his case to every reader of Comfort who is suffering to-day as he suffered. All who will drop him a letter asking for a copy of the prescription will receive it by return mail free of charge.

The following editorial by A. N. Tally, M. D., regarding Mr. Wright's prescription for lost manhood appeared in the December issue of the United States Health Reports, published at Washington, D. C.

We, as the highest American authority on all matters of health, sanitation and hygiene, are constantly receiving letters of inquiry about a reliable cure for lost strength in men.

Therefore we have ordered an investigation to be made into the subject and our medical staff found there were many so-called cures on the market, but that many were worthless and some actually harmful. Therefore when we came upon the prescription furnished free by George B. Wright, a merchant of Marshall, Mich., we instituted a most thorough laboratory examination and found that its wonderful efficacy depended upon its being exactly compounded according to proper chemical requirements, in order to establish the proper chemical actions and reactions in the human system, and that it should especially, and above all, contain each and every ingredient named in the prescription, otherwise it would be quite inactive and worthless.

Properly mixed and containing everything called for in the prescription, its effect upon the nerve centers is truly wonderful and its nerve tonic properties easily surpassed all ordinary methods of medication.

Among the benefactors of the race may be mentioned the said George B. Wright, inasmuch that he gives this grand discovery free to all who write for it.

Taken according to directions it builds up the weak and restores to full size and vigor the nerve muscles. It brings hope and cheer and lifts up the discouraged man so that he once more enjoys the beauties of nature and the pleasures of life. Failure in business and love surely falls upon him who is weakened physically and mentally, and this sad condition is at once relieved and a new man made of him who uses this prescription.

Therefore, upon the highly favorable report of our medical staff we extend to George B. Wright's prescription for lost manhood the full editorial and official indorsement of the United States health reports. As certain as wound leaves a scar, and as sure as effect follows cause, do men live to repent their follies and indiscretions in weakness and suffering. The tortured sufferer may bear no telltale marks of ruin upon his face to betray his lost manhood. He goes to his grave a human wreck, and never tells of his sufferings for fear of shame. Such mental anguish at times drives him to the verge of desperation, and he is easy prey for those vultures in human form—quack doctors—who hold out alluring hopes of cure only to disappoint, and after robbing him of his money, plunge him into absolute despair.

No one can appreciate the horrors of lost manhood except he who has suffered them. No one can help such sufferers except he who knows a cure and has himself been restored to full manhood. A notable cure of lost manhood in an extreme case was effected in the person of George B. Wright, a music dealer and well known citizen of Marshall, Mich. Mr. Wright for years suffered the agony of lost vital power. He saw his physical power go from him as the result of insidious disease, until he was reduced to a condition of senility, and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

Like many others, he tried the various remedies offered by specialists for the treatment of weaknesses peculiar to men, and it was this experience that drove him to a little study and research for his own benefit.

He asserts that his ten years' suffering, both mentally and physically, was turned to unbounded joy in a single night through a rare combination of medicines that literally made him young again. It is the prescription of this discovery that his enthusiasm leads him to offer free to any man, young or old, who feels that his animation or the fire of ambition has left him and needs something that will brace him up and enable him to be prepared for any undertaking which may present itself.

There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described, and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himself to be weak may profit by sending for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him little to do so and he feels a philanthropic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves.

A request to G. B. Wright, music dealer, Box No. 967 Marshall, Mich., for his free prescription, will be promptly and privately complied with by return mail.



BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

**T**HERE are several things at the Pan American Exposition which is now drawing crowds to Buffalo—that should be seen by all wheelmen. One of these is an "Auto-Bi" made by the E. R. Thomas Motor Co. in Buffalo itself.

The Thomas Auto-Bi is a motor bicycle brought to a high state of perfection, and it will rank as one of the 20th century wonders as soon as its many charming possibilities become known, for it invites economy, pleasure, and utility to an extent not hitherto accomplished. It entirely dissipates the popular conception that a motor bicycle is a heavy dangerous locomotive to be ridden only on the track by dare-devils who invite death every time they mount the "infernal" machine. As a matter of fact it is just opposite. It is nothing but an ordinary bicycle made stronger to meet the new conditions, with a little motor weighing about twenty pounds, the whole weighing seventy-five pounds.

The weight of the motor is near the head on the lower tube and rests principally on the front wheel. Experience has proved this to be the proper place. If the weight were too high, it would be top-heavy. If too low, gravitation would interfere with turning corners. If too far back, the front weight would be too light for steadiness or vibration, and cause sliding, in addition to other discomforts. As a matter of fact the Auto-Bi is much sturdier and is equally as safe in snow, ice or slippery streets as any bicycle.

The Auto-Bi requires far less attention than any other automobile. The bicycle has been brought to the highest state of perfection and requires the minimum of attention. The motor is strong in every detail and there is nothing to get out of order except with severe misuse and neglect. One twentieth of the attention required by a horse and buggy will keep the bicycle and motor in the highest state of efficiency, and render a service many times greater and quicker.

The speed is almost intuitively controlled by the rider through the rear brake, though the throttle may be, and even should be, used in long tours in order to save fuel. It can be ridden at varying speed from three to twenty-five miles per hour.

There are four ways of quickly stopping the Auto-Bi: First by slightly turning the left-hand bar grip; second, by pulling a brass plug; third, by slightly turning a lever. Any of these will stop the engine. Fourth, by the coaster brake, which, with the full power on, with a slight pressure, will reduce the speed of the Auto-Bi to a snail's pace, with the engine running, or the engine may be brought to a full stop. The most crowded streets are threaded as safely and easily as with the ordinary bicycle.

The Auto-Bi motor looks more like a toy than the powerful little engine that it is. Its weight is 22 lbs., being slightly increased to insure strength and mechanical efficiency. Possessing the finest tools, fixtures and machinery especially constructed for the purpose, the same degree of fine and accurate construction that characterizes the highest grade bicycle is assured. Every part is thoroughly tested and gauged, and each motor, under the supervision of experts, is required to prove the highest efficiency before shipment. Expensive tool steel is used in many parts that are usually made from castings; connecting rods are made from forgings; and all bearings are of lumen and phosphor bronze. Crank boxes are dust and oil proof and practically air tight, made unusually strong and accurate to permanently endure the strain of the motor. It is claimed that any one who can ride an ordinary wheel can manage an Auto-Bi, and with half an hour's experience the rider will enjoy thorough ease and confidence.

There is also an "Auto-tri" which is the same principle applied to the tricycle. The makers claim that the gasoline supply of the Auto-tri is one gallon in the supply tank and three quarts in the carburetor and that an experienced rider can cover one thousand miles with one gallon of gasoline and the supply can be renewed at any country store.

So far, motor machines are limited to a speed of about twenty-five miles an hour. There is a great deal of misconception among riders concerning the speed to be obtained from motor bicycles and what is desirable. There are no two wheeled machines made for single riders that can go forty miles an hour, and they are not to be desired. A cycle capable of that speed could not go much below twenty miles an hour at its minimum pace, according to the present method of constructing motors. Moreover, they would be too heavy and cumbersome for popular use, for high power in motors cannot be had except at the price of greater weight. There is a machine that is said to have gone at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, and it runs at a ten mile pace when slowed down. Machines that can be run from seven to seventeen miles an hour with a capacity of increasing to twenty or twenty-five for the maximum will be apt to satisfy the majority of riders, and the present prospect is that this is about all they

will be able to get. Wheelmen who think that it would be nice to travel at twenty-five miles an hour on the road should seek a chance to try it on the track by obtaining permission to ride on one seat of the big pacing machines behind an experienced steersman.

A man recently wrote to a manufacturer: "I want a motor bicycle to go from forty to forty-five miles an hour." The manufacturer comments: "Whew! I wonder if that man knows how fast he would be traveling if he could get what he asked for and used it? I wrote and advised him to take a few lessons in going forty miles an hour on the cowcatcher of a locomotive. Then he would know what it was to rush through the air at that pace on a heavy wheeled coach on tracks, but he would still have no conception of what it would be to go as fast on a bicycle over a road. It would be impossible."

A Colorado man is said to have invented an automobile for the use of farmers. It is a machine which may be operated by gasoline or electricity, and it is adapted to ploughing, seeding, cultivating or harvesting. The engine or motor is on the forward or drive wheels, which are joined by a long reach to the smaller rear wheels, over which the seat of the driver is placed. A large transverse bar crosses the reach bar at the center, and to this transverse bar the plough, cultivator or other appliance for farm work may be attached. The entire power of the engine may be applied to one wheel to get it out of a hole or rut.

A writer in the St. Nicholas magazine a few months ago gives an account of a home-made bicycle lamp, invented by a fourteen-year-old boy on Shelter Island: For the body of the lamp he used a baking-powder can. Through the bottom of the can he cut a hole, into which he slipped the oil-can, made by fitting an old lozenge-bottle into a wedge-shaped piece of wood. The hole being smaller than the plug prevented it from falling through. The wick, made of several pieces of string held together by bending a small strip of tin around them, is wedged in the neck of the bottle. When it charred off, it became necessary to turn up the wick with a pin. In the top of the can he cut a hole for ventilation, and one in the front to answer the purpose of a lens, and also a small one in each side for side-lights. Over the opening used for the lens he glued with flour paste a piece of red muslin. This done, the lamp was completed and soon wired to the front of the wheel.

Perhaps some of our "Comfort boys" can profit by this suggestion and rejoice also in a lamp of their own manufacture.

Here are some pertinent hints for bicyclers:

Do you know the number of your wheel on the maker's list? You will find it stamped somewhere on the machine. In case the machine should be stolen, the number might serve an important purpose in leading to its identification.

"I wasted time," said Richard II., and it occurs to us that many writers and talkers who devoted considerable energy to the condemnation of bevel gears back of 1897, are now recalling their efforts of that sort and thinking about as Richard did.

### Chats with Aunt Minerva.

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him, and I understand that now no women are allowed in that mine."

Mrs. K. E. HARRIS, Shawnee, Okla.

To many of Aunt Minerva's readers, who have wandered far from "the scenes of their childhood," the following letter will bring many a "fond recollection" of good times long since passed and gone.

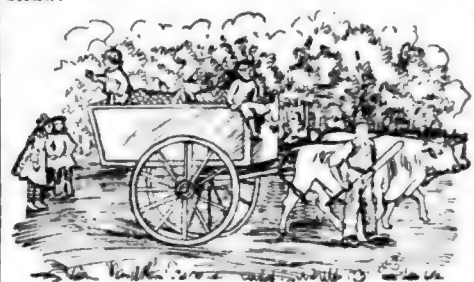
"If Aunt Minerva and the cousins will come with me we will visit the scene of a regular, old-fashioned Ohio apple-butter boiling. Some fine morning in late September or in October the farmer, with his boys and girls, his hired help and sometimes the good wife also, goes into the large apple orchard, where not only are the trees loaded with fruit—red, golden and striped—but the ground beneath is strewn with windfalls.

"The unsound apples are put into a wagon to be made into cider, the better ones being kept out to thicken the apple butter. The cider apples are hauled to town to a steam cider-press, which has taken the place of the crude, old-fashioned, horse-power press. While the cider is being made the

apples which were laid aside for butter are being pared and quartered. Sometimes this is done at night when all hands, and perhaps some of the neighbors, turn out and indulge in an apple-paring bee.

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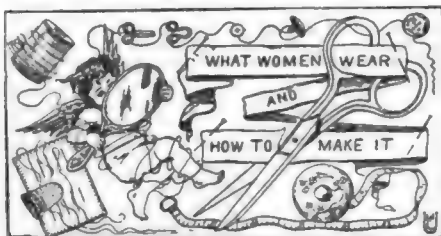
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toque (the newest thing in millinery) is innocent of any trimming save for a single long plume of white.

Another smart coat of this sort is built of pale tan cloth, the revers and cuffs being of embroidered white glace silk. The high collar seems to have entirely disappeared and in its place we see the shawl collar.

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The ribbon blouse is a unique creation, fashioned from chine ribbon, bearing a blurred pattern of autumn foliage. The full front is composed of cream guipure, with broad bands of folded ribbon descending from the shoulder and arranged in two choux just below the bust, the ends finally narrowing into a waist belt. Equally uncommon is a model revealing a round bolero effect in shot maize broche, richly embroidered with a white silk cord let into a loose vest of cream net edged with guipure lace, the neck and long sleeves being transparent.

Another blouse of finely tucked black chiffon is made with a square yoke of openwork, bordered by medallion-shaped motifs, in raised silk cord, and fastening a little at one side, with minute bows of black velvet baby ribbon studded with small diamond buttons. The same style of blouse in white is also very effective.



Another confection of satin foulard displays a design of many blended pastel shades—ecru lace forms the transparent yoke, with sailor collar and revers, while white accordion-pleated chiffon is responsible for the vest, the belt being broad and pointed in front. Deserving of mention are the sleeves which have small puffs at the shoulders and large ones exactly below the elbow, finally terminating in tight cuffs of ecru lace and chiffon.

As to quills and feathers, their like was never seen, nor even dreamed of before. One quill there is exceptionally broad that is thought to adapt itself with particular amiability to the wide, soft turban toque, with its deep, up-turned brim. This black quill used for its distinctive decoration is mostly black, flecked with white spots, while a more ornamental quality consists of the close quill feather on one side, a stem and soft film on the other worked over with jet paillettes. On one of the more elaborate of these turbans, one having the brim raised higher on the left side than the right and circled or cleft with a broad jet quill, together with two large choux, resulting in a head covering of quite a fetching nature, a thing altogether distinguished and apart from the tight uncompromising round turban, the latter invariably carrying a fine assumption of modesty.

The rain-proof wrap is the special care of the up-to-date shops nowadays. At the present moment they are being built of silk or

covert coating, the style of shape ranging from the straight or semi-sacque fitting to the close fitting style. The collar may be of velvet if desired. The range of waterproof fabrics in which the coat may be carried out is quite immense and the tones in these silks and covert coatings and tweeds are simply perfect. The covert coatings especially in their soft pleasant neutrals, something between fawn and gray, were most attractive. A three quarters loose coat is such an attractive, natty thing with silk facing and big pearl buttons.

A charmingly smart blouse is composed of yellow surah silk, each side of the front ornamented with bands of tucked blue glace, while this is supplemented by revers of embroidery displaying clusters of forget-me-nots. The inner vest consists of glace silk adorned with many rows of herring-bone. A charming blouse of linen for morning wear is creamy in color and has stripes of white embroidered



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#### BARLEY WATER.

Pick over three table-spoons barley and soak in four cups cold water over night. Boil slowly for an hour and a half; strain, season with salt, sugar and lemon juice. Reheat and serve.

#### TOAST WATER.

Cut bread in quarter inch pieces,—put in a pan and dry thoroughly in a slow oven until brown. Break in pieces, add an equal measure of boiling water and let stand one hour. Strain through cheese cloth and season with salt. Serve hot or cold.

#### GRAPE JUICE.

Wash and pick over one-half cup of Concord grapes. Add one cup cold water and cook an hour in a double boiler. Add one-half cup sugar and cook twenty minutes. Strain and cool.

#### IRISH MOSS LEMONADE.

Pick over and soak one-fourth cup Irish moss in cold water to cover. Remove moss, add two cups cold water and cook twenty minutes in double boiler. Strain, and to one-half cup liquid add the juice of one lemon and sugar.

#### KOUMISS.

Heat one quart milk until lukewarm; add one and one-half table-spoons sugar and one-third yeast cake dissolved in one table-spoon warm water. Fill beer bottles within an inch and a half of the top; cork and invert. Let stand six hours at a temperature of eighty degrees F. Chill and serve next day.

#### EGG-NOG.

Beat one egg slightly; add a little salt, one table-spoon sugar, two table-spoons wine or one of brandy. Mix thoroughly, add milk and strain. Wine may be omitted and a slight grating of nutmeg used.

#### WINE WHEY.

Scald one cup milk, add one cup sherry or port wine and let stand five minutes. Strain and serve.

#### BOTTLED BEEF TEA.

Wipe one pound steak from top of round. Remove all fat and cut in small pieces. Place in preserve jar and cover. Place in a trivet in kettle and surround with cold water. Allow the water to heat, slowly, care being taken not to have it reach a temperature higher than one-hundred and thirty degrees F. Let stand two

teaspoonful liquid rennet. Turn into mould and let stand in a cool place until firm. Serve with sugar and cream.

#### BROILED BIRDS.

Butter a sheet of letter paper; place a boned bird on lower half of sheet, fold upper half over bird, bringing edges of paper together. Begin at edges and fold over lower side and ends of paper three times. Place in a wire broiler for ten minutes over a slow fire, being careful that paper does not catch on fire. Remove from case, place on slice of toast, season with salt, pepper and butter. A breast of chicken or a lamb chop may be cooked in the same way.

We have been asked to give some new recipes for ices.

#### NOUGAT ICE CREAM.

Make a custard of the yolks of 5 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and 3 cups milk. Cool and add 11-2 cups heavy cream beaten until stiff, and the whites of 5 eggs also beaten stiff. Then add one-third cup each of pistachio, flambert, English walnut and almond nut meats finely chopped, and 1 table-spoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon almond extract. Freeze, using 3 parts crushed ice to 1 part rock salt.

#### POMONA FRAPPE.

Boil 2 cups sugar and 4 cups water 20 minutes. Add 1 quart sweet cider, 1 pint orange juice and from 1-4 to 1-2 cup lemon juice. Cool, strain and freeze to a mush. Serve in frappe glasses.

#### GRAPE FRUIT PUNCH.

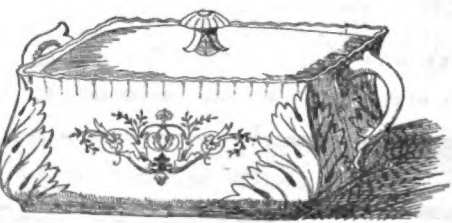
Boil 4 cups water and 2 1-3 cups sugar 20 minutes. Add 11-2 cups grape-fruit juice, 1-4 cup lemon juice and 1-3 cup brandy. Freeze and serve in glasses or sections of grape-fruit.

#### FROZEN FIG PUDDING.

Scald 1 quart milk, add 1-2 cup caramelized sugar; as soon as sugar is dissolved make a custard, adding the yolks of 2 eggs, 1 1-4 cups sugar and 1 teaspoon salt. Strain, cool and add 1 pound chopped figs and 1 cup curacao. Freeze, pack in a mould, set in salt and ice, and let stand 2 hours. Remove from mould and garnish with stuffed figs, whipped cream and candied pineapple.

#### PUNCH.

Make a syrup by boiling two cups of water and one cup of sugar fifteen minutes; add one



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#### FLOUR GRUEL.

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#### INDIAN GRUEL.

Mix two table-spoons meal, one table-spoon flour and one-half teaspoon salt; add cold water to make a thin paste. Add to three cups boiling water and boil gently one hour. Dilute with milk.

#### OLAM WATER.

Wash eighteen clams, cook in covered kettle with three table-spoons water, until shells open. Remove clams, strain liquor through double cheese cloth. Serve hot or as a frappe.

#### RENNET CUSTARD.

Heat one cup of milk until lukewarm, add two table-spoons sugar and one table-spoon sherry wine; when sugar is dissolved add one



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## TALKS WITH GIRLS.

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How do you do, dear Cousins? You are no longer Summer Girls, but with September must give up all the frivolous of the summer time, and think about the work there is to do and other things than trying to have a good time and keep cool. I hope you have enjoyed the Summer days and are ready for the autumn which is just as good a season to be useful in as any other. Now let us begin work.

The first one on the September list is Tanglefoot of Wallace, Neb. who says she has taught school two "terms" and wants to know whether she should "go without" a 17 year old boy she is in love with to continue teaching her third term. It seems to me she might let him go long enough to learn how to spell, and also to learn that she should speak of herself as "I," not "thou."

Twin Sisters, Paha, Wash.—If you only have "six fellows" between you, hadn't you better wait till you get a dozen, and put it to a vote which you should choose?

Lillian, Cromwell, Ia.—An evening caller should leave at least two hours and a half before 1 A. M. (2) It is proper enough for the bride to assist the groom in buying his wedding clothes, but wouldn't you hate to marry a man who would accept a charity like that? Better chase him off with a broomstick.

Babe, White Bird, Ida.—Girls of seventeen have beans, but they should not. (2) Girls of thirteen and fourteen should not go to dances.

Golden Hair, Payson, Ill.—The best way to avoid annoyance by the young man is not to ride four in a buggy. (2) If you have no understanding, he has a right to go to see another girl every other Sunday night.

Dolly, Lewis, Cal.—See advertising columns of Comfort for addresses of dealers in postage stamps.

Maude, Brooklyn, N. Y.—I am willing to have the father or the mother spank the erring child, so long as the child gets what it needs.

Mollie, Creston, Wash.—Better consult a physician about your face. Dandruff is a difficult matter. It is said a remedy is to rub the scalp with castile soap, castor oil, sweet almond and tannin. Lemon juice is also said to be good rubbed on the scalp but kept away from the hair. (2) Ladies don't throw dice in stores. (3) Ask your doctor about the pain in the side.

Dewdrop, San Bernardino, Cal.—The really right kind of a young man will not ask you to disobey your mother, no matter how much he likes you. As to the smoking, do not inquire into motives; it is enough if he has stopped.

Bird Eye, Jamestown, Pa.—If the young man loves you he will let you know it, and if he does not, nothing on earth can make him. Don't worry about not having a sweetheart; you'll get one soon enough.

Deiliah, Stockport, Pa.—No, don't kiss "a very friendly gentleman" good by even if you are going abroad. (2) The laws of the "boy who wishes to recline" on your shoulders should be slapped. (3) Don't marry the man you care nothing about; all his money can't buy happiness.

Will-o'-the-wisp, Stockport Station, N. Y.—It is not proper for a girl to be engaged to two men at once under any circumstances. (2) It is not necessary for the girl to apologize to the young man when her father breaks an umbrella over his head. She should present her father with a new umbrella.

Michigan Girl, Mich.—There is no set form for declining or accepting oral invitations; say what ever may seem pleasant; she should thank the man for any courtesy, and she should ask him to call; the gentleman usually precedes the lady whether an usher leads the way or not, but either is good form; it is better to rise when introduced.

Brownie, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Possibly if one of the men should ask your father if you could go out with him, it might have some effect. Some fathers have peculiar notions that they are loath to give up. (2) If you and the young man have quarrels, why not let him go, now that he has been away so long? Do you want to live a quarrelsome married life?

Rose Bud, Stronach, Mich.—If a girl of twenty really loves a man of forty-two, and he is a nice man, she will be pretty safe in marrying him. Anyway, it is safer than to marry one of twenty-eight, that she doesn't love.

Subscriber, Shelby, Mo.—Mr. Carnegie, Pittsburgh; Dr. Pearson, Chicago. Don't know the other.

Opal, Norborne, Mo.—Write to one of the Correspondence Schools advertised in Comfort. Stenography is very hard, both to learn and to work at. Book-keeping has too many doing it. What do you think of photography? It is woman's work. (2) Any music house in St. Louis will answer your question.

Pet and Puss, Roscommon, Mich.—No. (2) Be very chary in giving your photographs to young men. (3) Yes. (4) Tell the man plainly. If he won't take a hint. (5) Give back the ring if the engagement is broken. (6) Once a week is enough for a man to call unless engaged, or he is a friend who can drop in any time.

Josie, Flower Ridge, Okla.—Why do you want to write to one young man when you are engaged to another? (2) Better wait until you are twenty-five. (3) Love is a proper subject of conversation for engaged people.

Hazel, Rough House, Kans.—A young man will try harder to get near a girl who is "distant," than one who is not. (2) The best way to treat a jealous man is to have nothing to do with him.

Salome, Baton Rouge.—Engaged couples usually kiss each other, but since you have refused for sixteen months, I think I would make him wait until you are married. Make up for it then, and he will think you are the finest woman living.

Brown Eyes, Devil's Lake, N. D.—Don't stay too long at your fiancé's home. A day or two is enough. (2) You might go boating with another man if your fiancé has no objections.

There, dears, all the questions that are worth answering are answered, and let us all hope they will be of service to you, for I try to make them so. Though I may be a little sharp at times, I mean it only for your good. Now by, all of you.

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## Rag Dolls

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Mars will be the ruler of the scheme and being strong in his location and conjoined with Venus, gives indication of success and unusual gain to the mechanical and manufacturing classes among our people and good fortune and credit to our army and navy. It would seem to indicate advantage to the laboring classes at the expense of capitalists, as a successful result of some strike, also an unusual advantage to those employed in the manufacture of wearing apparel or to decorative workers. Men will be remarkably ingenious and skillful in execution, striking out many novelties and inventing new methods in their labors. There will be more than usual misty weather and seasonable rains and a healthy air generally.

There will be a partial eclipse of the Moon in the forenoon of the 27th of the month, though it is not visible in Washington, our seat of government. Its beginning will be visible generally throughout the eastern portion of Europe, in Asia, the Pacific Ocean, and Alaska, and the end will be visible generally throughout Europe, the eastern portion of Africa, in Asia and the Pacific Ocean.

We are told by the books that the greatest effects of Eclipses are seen in the portions of the earth where visible and that an eclipse of the Moon in Taurus is evil to the great cattle in the countries where the eclipse is seen, producing more than the usual injury or destruction to cattle, whether from disease or bad storms. The figure for the Eclipse shows the two benefices, Jupiter and Venus, just about to rise in the east while Mars and Herschel, nearly conjoined, will be in the 12th house, the Moon is just inside the 5th house favorably aspected by the majority of the planets. Both these figures continue the good promises for the welfare and prosperity of our Nation and people.

Mars ruler of the 12th house in the figure for the eclipse, being also in that house, with other testimonies, threatens some bad break or uprising among prisoners or the outbreak of some bad disease in places of confinement.

## CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1901.

**OCTOBER. 1-Tuesday.** The morning is very unfavorable for most undertakings, prompting rest rather than exertion and urging unusual caution in all acts; the avoidance of disputes or controversies and as much as possible, all danger of accidents and hurts; see that the tongue is not needlessly exposed to danger; let the tongue be kept well under control; as the day advances, however, application for favor from public officers and persons of prominence in the literary world will be more than ordinarily successful; have transactions with printers, publishers, booksellers, stationers, mathematicians and all ingenious persons.

**2-Wednesday.** Continue to act upon the suggestions of yesterday, specially pressing these efforts to accomplish these ends with thy superior in authority or with officers of government, during the forenoon; the afternoon forbids success in such things and cautions thee against entering upon any new undertaking; that here suddenly offers itself; have nothing to do with patents, trade-marks, copy-rights, nor with the organization of bodies of men into unions or corporations.

**3-Thursday.** Give attention to conducting the routine affairs of life rather than starting out in new lines or ventures. Press the details of all established business and prepare for more vigorous action when conditions serve more favorably for beginnings.

**4-Friday.** This day is discouraging for the purse and embarrassing to the progress of enterprise; conditions are quite threatening and money transactions have limited chances of success; inducements may be held out for speculation but REGULUS advises his friends to beware of temptation. REGULUS particularly charges those who claim this as the anniversary of their birthday or who were born about the 1st days of January or April or the 3rd day of July, of past years, to exercise more than ordinary care in matters of both health and finance for a season; let them particularly favor the digestive organs by avoiding indulgences in stimulating foods or drinks that are difficult of digestion; let them give no cause for business ruptures nor allow discouraging prospects to dishearten them, but doing the best they can, be content though they do not seem to accomplish so much or prosper as they would wish. The fair sex claiming these birthdays are likely to have quite a degree of disquiet under passing influences on account of male relatives or friends; estrangements in parental and conjugal relations are among the common effects of these conditions and patience and forbearance are recommended.

**5-Saturday.** This day is particularly propitious for music and art and for the pursuit of the elegant occupations; dealers in fancy goods, embroideries, milliners and jewelers should urge their business vigorously on this day; deal with surgeons, chemists, druggists, bakers, brewers, tanners, glass manufacturers, workers in metal and all in the mechanical trades.

**6-Sunday.** Conditions at this time conduce to nervous excitement and restlessness and do not invite patient hearing of pulpit discourse or promote continuity in mental efforts.

**7-Monday.** Have dealings with public officers in the early hours when also attend to business with corporations and partnerships; look out for the purse in the middle of the day, being slow to make purchases of article goods unless absolutely necessary; musical and dramatical entertainments are not encouraged for the evening, and social engagements are more likely to be turbulent or full of controversy than to be pleasant and agreeable.

**8-Tuesday.** Be not hasty in action or rash of speech in the morning, when also avoid all differences with thy neighbors; as the day advances, let every moment be fully employed for urging thine important ventures to the utmost; have money transactions of consequence and deal with persons of wealth and position; make contracts; sign deeds, leases, and all other writings pertaining to houses, lands, mines, and agricultural and mining products; adjust accounts with banks, make collections, and attend to literary enterprises.

**9-Wednesday.** Deal with printers, publishers, press-writers and all persons employed as managers of affairs of others, as trustees, counsellors, and superintendents; execute writings pertaining to real estate and mining properties; make deeds, wills, bonds and contracts of all kinds concerning books and other literary productions; let the mind be fully employed, adjust accounts and do important correspondence; let judges weigh testimony and decide questions of magnitude and importance.

**10-Thursday.** This day invites the commencement of undertakings of importance in the fine arts and dealings in fancy and decorative goods; it is favorable for the marriage contract, promising happiness in the marriage relation now established unless the nativity happens to be very unfortunate in this particular.

**11-Friday.** Make no investment of thy means during this day for any speculative purpose and be watchful of the purse generally; do not bargain for houses or

lands or the products of the earth, such as grains, vegetables, lumber or ores, nor have any transactions with banks, judges, lawyers, building contractors, or mining authorities.

**12-Saturday.** Use the morning hours in preference to other parts of the day; deal with government officials, politicians, and persons in authority generally; make engagements with railroad men, superintendents of public works and all ingenious persons or inventors.

**13-Sunday.** An unusually benevolent Sabbath day, inviting communion with the poet and musician and divine; church matters are favored generally.

**14-Monday.** Begin this day with its first moments and pursue vigorously all avocations pertaining to landed property or improvements; let those engaged in the literary pursuits seize this time for the inauguration of their principal efforts; let the forenoon be employed especially for prosecuting all literary labors and for the consideration of matters of great importance depending upon extra judgment and sound sense for their success; travel, engage servants, do correspondence, and be active and diligent in all commercial matters.

**15-Tuesday.** Musical and artistic pursuits and the elegant occupations generally suffer peculiar annoyances and embarrassments during this day and the gentle sex appear at a disadvantage or suffer in greater proportion than usual. Special caution is urged during the passing days for persons born about the 5th of January, 6th of June, 7th of July or 8th of December, of past years, that they shall be strictly temperate in habit, avoiding too free living, dissipation, indulgences in follies, extravagance in expenditures either through vanity, boasting, false pride, or for self-gratifications.

**16-Wednesday.** Let the musician, artist and all in the nicer avocations of life begin this day with its earliest moments and labor assiduously, dealing also in articles of dress, adornment or decoration, taking principal steps in all business of these classes as early in the morning and forenoon as possible; avoid the aged in the evening.

**17-Thursday.** Push nearly all pursuits vigorously during this day; seek favor at the hands of public officers or those in authority and make engagements in the fine arts; purchase wearing apparel and articles that furnish gratification and pleasures to mankind.

**18-Friday.** Give preference to the late hours for the most important engagements of the day; the middle hours are more baffling, especially in all literary undertakings; the evening is really the best for seeking money favors and dealings with the wealthy.

**19-Saturday.** The forenoon of this day gives rise to baffling conditions not propitious of success in any important venture; it discourages dealings with real estate men, contractors and builders, farmers, miners, coal and lumber dealers, and men in the woolen trade; the afternoon and evening are best especially for the literary pursuits; do correspondence and make other appeals to the mind which will be active and responsive to thy satisfaction.

**20-Sunday.** There is but little promise of assistance to the clergy or those connected with church matters on this day; conflicts of interests or authority among churchmen are easily excited under existing conditions.

**21-Monday.** Improve the early forenoon for dealing in metals, machinery and cutlery, also for the pursuit of the mechanical trades and inventions; the day is a superior one and very important engagements may be entered into concerning the manufacture of all classes of artistic and decorative wares; it specially favors the artist, musician, and all who produce the gratifications of mankind; woo and win thy lady-love and seek enjoyment from all classes of entertainment and social engagements.

**22-Tuesday.** Use the pen very cautiously in the forenoon hours when no dealings should be had concerning houses, mining, printing or publishing; beware of signing any writing binding thyself financially; postpone correspondence of moment and be prudent in all money transactions.

**23-Wednesday.** The early and late parts of the day are the best; seek favor from thine employer in the morning and afternoon; put on the cautious cap and be approached and passed, avoiding haste or excitement in business dealings and see that no dispute is permitted to mar the harmony of the day; buy goods for trade in the afternoon, when also deal in real estate, boots and shoes, wool, lead, coal, and all kinds of building materials; seek money accommodations from aged persons of wealth in the afternoon.

**24-Thursday.** Strange interruptions affect the transactions of the early morning when affairs may promise well, but appearances are likely to prove deceptive; as the forenoon advances, however, let every energy be given to business; prosecute mathematical and scientific studies; deal with the intellectual classes, booksellers, publishers, printers, judges and lawyers; travel and change residences and effect commercial contracts of consequence. Unusual progress is made in such matters and benefits of magnitude are likely to be coming from them, particularly to persons born about the 11th of January or March or the 13th of July or September, of past years; but the contrary is likely to persons born about the 9th of February, 10th of May, or 13th of August, of past years, as they are likely to be having temporary mental anxieties, controversies or trouble with the correspondence or accounts.

**25-Friday.** The day is unfavorable and little if any prosperity is likely to attend important undertakings now begun; avoid landlords and make no contracts with the laboring classes or with persons in real estate business or building enterprises; don't sign money obligations nor purchase goods for trade; the mechanical trades are more favored and those engaged in such walks in life are urged to give all their energies to their work on this day.

**26-Saturday.** Let those engaged in the polite arts improve every moment of this forenoon, urging and realizing from their several pursuits; purchase all articles of dress, decoration, musical merchandise, dramatical appointments, artists' materials, etc.; have care in the afternoon against rashness and precipitancy in business affairs and control impulses to dispute; the evening and night hours contribute violent features that may result in fires or explosions; so let all have care in this respect.

**27-Sunday.** Partial Eclipse of the Moon. Depressing conditions result in the forenoon, but as the day advances it becomes propitious for religious exercises and favorable for church finances.

**28-Monday.** This day bids thee decline to put thy name to writings, make no contracts; postpone correspondence and have as few dealings as possible with literary characters or in the literary or educational matters of life; make no bargains for houses or lands and do not part with thy funds for needless gratifications; mercantile contracts should be only cautiously and conservatively entered into.

**29-Tuesday.** Begin this day early and labor diligently, for as it advances benevolent conditions decrease until the evening when begins an adverse range of influences contributive to violent hurts, fires and inflammation; beware of entering upon any matrimonial contract at this time least "repentance at leisure" be the fruit of thy venture.

**30-Wednesday.** Be slow to anger during the morning hours which are decidedly evil and trade in artistic goods or the elegant things in life is best deferred. REGULUS especially advises the fair not to let wealth tempt them in these passing days to wed where there is much disparity of years; for disappointment and unhappiness will surely fall to their lot, particularly if the anniversary of their birthday falls upon either the 5th of March, June, or September, of past years; elements and strange and unfortunate experiences of courtship are likely for this time and the dramatic and artistic world suffer baffling annoyances or losses; some bad evidences of cruelty or brutality towards the gentle sex, also depression and suicide among them, come to light and unusual activity in divorce proceedings is promoted.

**31-Thursday.** During the middle hours of the day applications to employers and persons in authority, for preferment or advantages, are likely to pass with favorable consideration; but watch thy purse and beware of suretyship or lending thy credit.

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I have discovered a positive cure for all female diseases and the piles. It never fails to cure any of the various diseases peculiar to women, such as leucorrhoea, displacements, ulceration, granulation, etc., or the piles from any cause or in either sex. I will gladly mail a box of this wonderful medicine free to every sufferer. Mrs. C. B. MILLER, Box 106, Kokomo, Ind.

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W. S. Harter, an honored and influential citizen of Nevada, Mo., makes a statement and an over-generous offer that comes in the shape of a proclamation of health to all afflicted with lost vitality and its kindred ailments. His case was a most pit-

being a very conscientious man, thought perhaps the remedy may not prove in every case so wonderfully beneficial as it did in his. For this reason he gave fifty sufferers the treatment, and in every instance the same wonderful results were experi-



table one, by reason of continual drainage, his constitution was weakened to such a degree that it was impossible for him to perform his duties. He spent hundreds of dollars for remedies and to specialists, but could not regain his vitality or check the awful drainage. One day a brother lodge member called his attention to a remedy, in fact, implored Mr. Harter to take the remedy for his affliction; he did so, and in one month's time was entirely cured, his constitution rejuvenated and his vitality regained. To-day he is a man in every sense which that word would imply. Mr. Harter is not what one would call an immensely rich man, but his gratitude for this marvelous remedy is so great that he says he intends making his life's labor that of putting this remedy in the hands of all those afflicted as he was. Mr. Harter

enced as was in his case; so he now says he will send every sufferer of this death-dealing disease, Lost Vitality, and its kindred ailments, absolutely free, the means which directed him to health and contentment. At Nevada, Mo., there is located State Asylum No. 3, in which there are at present about 700 patients; Mr. Harter claims that upon good authority he is informed that about 75 per cent. of these unfortunates lost their minds through this disease, and the awful drainage brought upon them. With this awful picture ever before him, he believes it is his duty to humanity to save those now upon a brink of destruction, which is much worse than death. Any reader sending his name and address to Mr. W. S. Harter, 232 Ash Street, Nevada, Mo., will receive without delay, and free of charge, this wonderful knowledge.

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## NOTICE TO AGENTS

## A Profitable Business

FOR MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE  
**WILLING TO WORK.**  
**\$8.00 A DAY SURE.**

## DEAR READER:

If you are out of work, or are not satisfied with your present business and would like to make more money, it will be to your interest to read this notice. We do not offer you a chance to make a fortune without work, but we do offer you an opportunity to make money much faster than you can make it at any other kind of work. The country is flooded with circulars offering chances to make money at the rate of from twenty to fifty dollars a day; such offers are not business-like, and all agents who amount to anything are disgusted with such circulars, and most of them are thrown aside without being read. If you are looking for an opportunity to make twenty to fifty dollars a day, you might as well throw this notice aside also; but if you would like to engage in a good paying business, you will do well to read this notice through carefully. Then you can use your own judgment as to whether our offer is a reasonable one or not.

We guarantee that anyone who is willing to work can make from \$3 to \$5 a day at this business. We admit that \$3 to \$5 a day is not much of an inducement when compared to the statements made by some firms, who offer all the way from \$20 to \$50 a day for selling various articles. We do not make you such glowing promises, but what we do offer you has the advantage of being true. We might offer agents a sure chance of making from \$20 to \$50 a day, but the chances are that anyone who would believe such unreasonable nonsense would not know enough to earn his board at any kind of business. That is not the kind of agents we are in quest of; we want reliable agents with common sense, who are willing to work for good pay, and not those who are looking for an opportunity to make a fortune without work. We believe the only way to get such agents and keep them, is to furnish them with a good thing to sell, a real genuine bargain, and then to tell them the exact truth about the business. We have a large number of agents at work, and we know for a certainty what working agents can make. We know that \$3 a day is the very lowest; most of our agents are averaging \$4 and \$5 a day, and often some of them make a good deal more than that. We have several agents who are clearing from \$7 to \$10 a day. But these are great workers operating in the best territory, and, of course, everyone cannot do as well, but it is easy for anyone to make, at the very least, \$3 a day above all expenses in any territory. We haven't a single working agent who is clearing, on an average, less than \$3 a day. Now, be sure that you understand us: We don't say that lazy, shiftless agents will make \$3 a day, for they can't do it at this or any other business, but what we do say is that agents who are willing to work, not too hard, but the same as they would expect to work at any other business, can easily clear \$3 a day above all expenses, in any territory, and if they have good territory to work in they can make anywhere from \$5 to \$7, and even \$10 a day. If you want a good chance to work and get good pay for it, you will find it to your interest to read this notice through carefully.

The articles which we have for you to sell are a line of forks, spoons, etc., made of a new metal called "Brazil Silver." We will describe this new line of goods the best we can, then you can judge for yourself whether we are offering you a good chance to make money or not.

## BRAZIL SILVER.

## Warranted for Twenty-five Years.

Brazil Silver is believed to be the very best metal in existence for the manufacture of forks and spoons; it has all the lustre and brilliancy of burnished coin silver, and is much harder and more durable, in fact, it is impossible to wear it out. It is absolutely indestructible. The goods made of this metal are the same all the way through, there being no plating to wear off they will remain as good as new for any length of time. For all practical purposes in the manufacture of table ware this Brazil Silver is superior to coin silver. It is as lustrous and as pure as coin silver, and being much harder it will wear even longer than silver; in fact it is absolutely impossible to wear it out. It will wear forever. As there is no plating to wear off, the metal being the same all the way through, it stands to reason that you can't wear it out. Our confidence in the metal is so great that we guarantee it to wear twenty-five years. We give a guarantee signed by the company warranting the goods to wear and to give perfect satisfaction for twenty-five years. We are an old, strong and thoroughly established firm with ample capital to carry on our business and make our guaranty as good as the Bank of England. In selling these goods an agent can recommend them with the greatest of confidence, for they are just as represented, absolutely indestructible. And, furthermore, our guarantee warranting the goods to give satisfaction for twenty-five years, clears the agent from all responsibility in the matter; for if any article fails to give perfect satisfaction, no matter how long it has been in use, we hold ourselves ready to refund the money paid for the article. These goods are the same metal all the way through; they will never wear out. They always wear white and bright. We give a guarantee signed by the company, warranting every piece of Brazil Silver to wear twenty-five years. You can sell these goods to your best friends with perfect confidence, for every sale is as much a benefit to your customer as to yourself.

Working with goods that are warranted to wear and give satisfaction for so long a time as twenty-five years, and by a Company, too, whose capital is sufficiently large to make their guarantee good for almost any amount, is an advantage which no other firm is prepared to offer. If you want to make money fast now is the time to do it. If you think that five-dollar bills are good things to have, now is the time to get them. Never in the history of the agency business have agents had as good a chance to make money rapidly, and it is reasonably sure that they will never have another chance like it.

It is easy to make from \$3 to \$5 a day at this business.

## All Marked with Initial Letters, Without any Extra Cost.

Among all classes there has always been a strong desire to have their table ware marked with their initial letter, but on account of the heavy expense of having it marked only a very few have been able to afford it. Heretofore the cost of artistically marking table ware has been even greater than the cost of the goods; now, by our new methods, we are able to offer these elegant Brazil Silver goods, all marked with any initial letter desired in the very highest style of the art, without any extra cost for marking. These Brazil Silver goods, even if unmarked, would be the greatest bargain ever offered the public in table ware, but with the additional and highly desirable feature of being all marked with beautiful and artistic initial letters, these goods are not only great bargains in table ware, but are the greatest bargains of any kind that have ever been offered to the public through agents or in any other way.

The people are always ready enough to buy what they want when it is presented to them in the form of a genuine bargain. Well, here is absolutely the greatest bargain every offered, and the agent who works with it will find that what he has is earnestly desired at nearly every house he visits; it is easy to get orders when you can offer great bargains, that the people really want and can afford.

It is easy to make from \$3 to \$5 a day at this business.

## Table and Dessert Knives.

Our knives are made of the finest tempered cutlery steel and are triple plate, in other words every dozen knives is plated with 12 dwt. of pure silver and hand burnished. Our knives are of the highest grade, fully equal to Rogers' or any knives made. These knives will not wear as long as Brazil Silver goods, but they will wear as long as any knives made. We guarantee them to wear ten years in constant use. If not in constant use they will wear proportionately longer. We give a guarantee, signed by the Company, warranting the knives to wear and to give perfect satisfaction to the purchaser for ten years. As knives are usually used in families they will wear much longer, anywhere from fifteen to twenty years. They are fully equal to Rogers' knives and only cost about two-thirds as much. It may seem strange to some that we can sell so staple an article as silver plated knives at such reduced prices, but we are doing it. It is our way of giving the public good, solid value for their money. We are saving our customers about one-third of the price at which the same grade of knives are sold at the stores and jewelers. Any one who will take the trouble to compare our knives and prices with triple plate 12 dwt. knives sold at the stores and jewelers, will be convinced of the truth of our statements. We are making a profit, of course, but our unequal facilities and immense trade make it possible for us to undersell all competitors, and our customers are getting the benefit of the lowest prices known in the silver-ware trade. We are not only selling at greatly reduced prices, but we also guarantee every article to be exactly as represented and to give perfect satisfaction to the purchaser, or money refunded.

## The First Thing to Do.

If you decide to accept the agency, the first thing to do is to send to us for the agent's case of samples, which is the most complete and perfect case of samples that has ever been prepared for the convenience of agents. Our complete and perfect case of samples is not to be compared with anything that has ever been sent to agents before. It contains the very best and most salable articles in the world. There is nothing in the market that agents can sell as fast and sell as easily and make as much money out of, as they can the goods contained in this splendid case of samples, and everything is arranged and explained so that any agent can't fail to understand just how to go to work to make a great success of the business. As soon as you receive the case of samples you are ready for business. And if you are willing to work you are just as sure to make from \$3 to \$5 a day as the sun is to rise. Take the case of samples and canvass your territory according to the directions sent with the samples, until you have taken orders for the amount of goods you are prepared to send for. Then order the goods from us and fill your orders, and so continue.

## The Magnificent Case of Samples Which We Furnish to Agents.

The case of samples which we furnish to agents contains the following articles.		
One Sample Table Knife, retail price, \$2.10 per set of six	35	cents each
One Sample Dessert Knife, retail price, \$1.95 per set of six	32 1-2	cents each
One Sample Table Fork, retail price, \$1.95 per set of six	32 1-2	cents each
One Sample Table Spoon, retail price, \$1.95 per set of six	32 1-2	cents each
One Sample Dessert Fork, retail price, \$1.80 per set of six	30	cents each
One Sample Dessert Spoon, retail price, \$1.80 per set of six	30	cents each
One Sample Tea Spoon, retail price, 95 cents per set of six	15 5-6	cents each
One Sugar Shell	25	cents each
One Butter Knife	25	cents each
One Salt or Pepper Shaker	25	cents each
Total retail value of Samples	\$2.83 1-3	

We also send you with the case of samples a large and very beautiful catalogue, illustrating a full line of plated ware, such as Casters, Pickle Cruets, Butter Dishes, Tea Sets, Napkin Rings, etc., etc.

Reckoning the above samples at our lowest retail prices they amount to \$2.83 1-3. We furnish them to agents nicely put up in an elegant sample case or roll, for only \$1.00, which is \$1.83 1-3 less than they amount to at our regular retail prices. This is less than one-half of the retail value of the samples, and much less than they cost us. The sample case or roll, which the samples are put up in costs us nearly as much as we require you to send for the samples, case and all.

## Wholesale Prices.

Wholesale or agents' prices and all necessary information for carrying on the business will be furnished with the Outfit. Remember we make everything plain to you about wholesale prices, methods, etc., when we send you the Outfit.

## VERY IMPORTANT.

The business we are offering is straightforward and honest in every way, shape and manner. Our goods are in every respect, just as we represent them to be. The Outfit we furnish our agents is exactly as we represent it, and is always sent the same day the order is received, just as agreed. We have tried to state these facts so they could and would be believed and still we are constantly receiving letters from parties who would like to engage in the business and would do so if they felt sure we were telling the truth and would do as we agree. Many of these doubters have been cheated and are not altogether to blame for doubting; the most of them say they think we are honest, they say we talk honest, but as they have already been swindled they don't feel like risking even one dollar and so, although our business is in every respect just as represented, and we always do just as we promise, we lose the services of a great many agents and they lose the benefit they might derive from the business because they are afraid we may not be telling the truth. Now, to overcome this spirit of doubt, we have decided to send Samples to all who wish us to do so, C. O. D., with privilege of examination at the express office. It costs us from twenty-five to forty cents more to send the samples this way, as we have to pay that amount for return charges on the money, but we are willing to do it and so prove to all that are interested that the Outfit and our goods are just what

we claim. If after reading this notice you think you would like to give the business a trial, but wish to see the Sample Case before you pay the one dollar cut out the following printed form, fill it out and send it to us and we will send the Outfit to your express office prepaid, and give the express agent instructions to let you thoroughly examine the Outfit, then, if you are satisfied that we have told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and are also satisfied that you can make money selling our goods, you can pay the express agent one dollar and take the Outfit. If you are not satisfied, you can refuse to take it and the agent will return it to us. No other firm has ever made such an offer. We have adopted this plan in order to convince the most skeptical and to secure the services of all the good working agents in the United States.

## (CUT OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM.)

Form to be Signed by those who wish us to send the Outfit C. O. D. with Privilege of Examination.

ROYAL MANUFACTURING CO., DETROIT, MICH.:

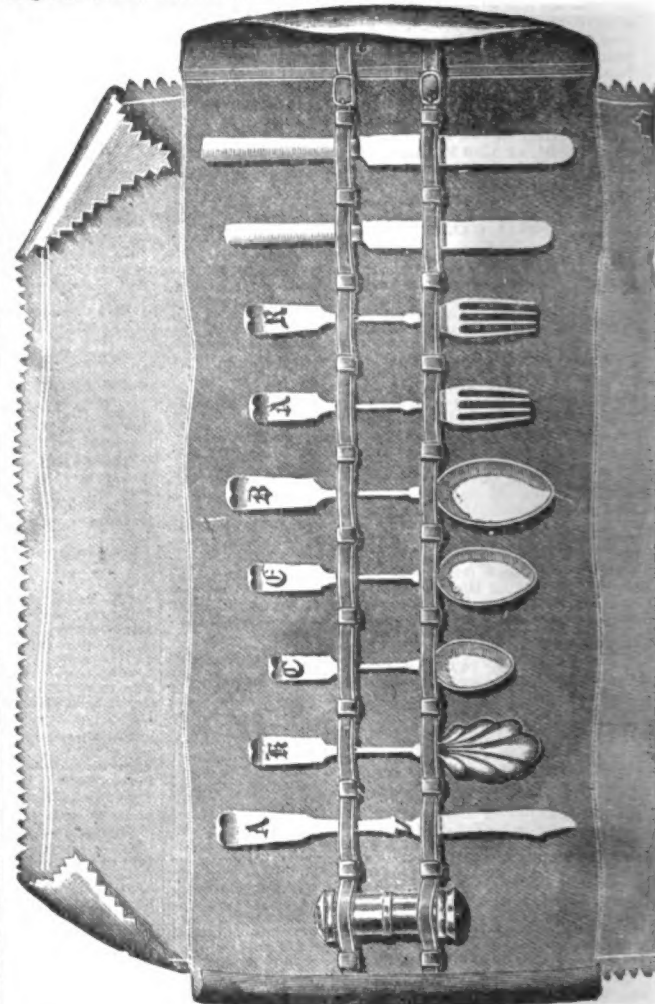
GENTLEMEN—Send the Outfit by Express, C. O. D., with privilege of examination. If I find the Outfit just as you say, I will pay the one dollar required and give the business a fair trial, but if I am not satisfied that the Outfit is as good as you recommend it to be, I shall refuse to receive it. Now, remember, the understanding is that I am not to take the Outfit unless I, myself, am satisfied that it is all right. It must all depend on my own judgment. If I am satisfied, I will take the Outfit; if I am not satisfied, I shall not take it and shall not pay the one dollar. If you want to send the Outfit with this understanding, send it along C. O. D., with privilege of examination.

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County..... State.....

Express Station.....



This cut shows the Sample Case or Roll, and how the samples appear put up ready for business. The Roll is made of highly finished waterproof canvas, and lined with soft flannel goods. The samples are held in place by strong straps. The whole rolls up and fastens with a leather strap which is firmly fastened to the back of the Roll. This is the most practical arrangement for carrying the samples that could be thought of. When rolled up the Case is compact and easy to carry. When open the samples show to the best possible advantage, making a good impression at first sight. This Sample Roll gives a business-like appearance; it is substantial and handsome, and invariably gives the impression that there is something valuable inside. All are anxious to see what it is you are carrying around with such care. This is of importance as it secures attention and interest at the start. There is nothing like having your samples put up in a business-like shape; it gives a favorable impression from the start, which is half the battle. It is the same in all matters. A store that looks like business attracts customers; while, from a shanty store, you would not, as a rule, expect the best things. The fact is, in the agency business, as in every other business, you must have things fixed up just right if you expect to succeed. Our Brazil Silver Goods are the best that have ever been offered for the price, or anywhere near it. The new feature of being marked with beautiful and artistic initial letters, free of cost, is the greatest popular hit of the times; and the Sample Roll is arranged so as to show the goods off to the best possible advantage. Furthermore, we carefully teach every agent just how to take advantage of all these splendid qualities and popular features. Is it any wonder that our agents succeed better than those who are working for other firms?

We Prepay all Express Charges on Everything. We pay the charges on the Outfit and on all goods ordered. Remember, we pay all express charges.

ROYAL MANUFACTURING CO.,

Box 5300,

DETROIT, MICH.

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